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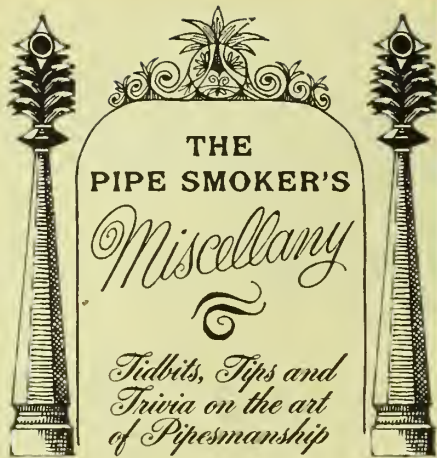
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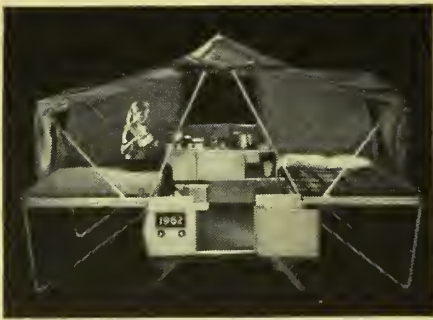
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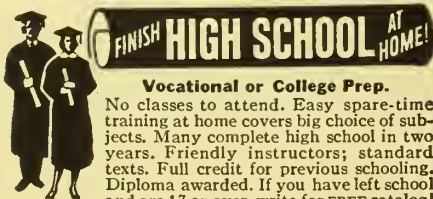


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PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

A SHORT TIME AGO National Commander Charles L. Bacon received a letter which we'd like to quote in part. The writer, Stanley Wax, of Miami, Fla., commended the Legion's determined stand on Fidel Castro, as expressed by the Commander, then went on to say:

"Thanks to *The American Legion Magazine* I was able to plan my family's departure from Cuba and salvage part of what I had worked 16 years [to acquire]. During my tour in the Army Air Forces, I was stationed in Cuba for awhile and during that time married a Cuban girl. Upon my discharge I returned to Cuba and started a business which prospered fairly well. Since I was a veteran, I naturally joined Havana Post #1 of The American Legion. This entitled me to receive the magazine. I don't at this particular time recall the date that an article was printed which clearly foretold in advance what was to be expected of Fidel Castro, his brother Raul, and Guevara . . . [The article was "Trouble Ahead in Latin America," by Harold Lord Varney, and it appeared in the December 1958 issue.] There was no reason not to take this warning in its full meaning, since the facts were clearly written and only those who wanted to be objective passed it over lightly. Certainly if the writer had all the facts our State Department also should have had them, but of course it is useless to elaborate on that point."

We thank Mr. Wax for his letter, and we are gratified that we were instrumental in helping him decide to get out of Castro's hell. At the same time we cannot help but wonder what happened to several other Americans in Cuba who wrote to us at the time we published this article. They pooh-poohed it and said we were all wrong about Fidel. We hope they too got away in time.

WORDS TO REMEMBER

BUT IN THESE TIMES, in facing these issues which deeply touch the lives and fortunes of every citizen, in making these hard decisions which require overwhelming support, we as a nation cannot—we dare not—exclude the people or ignore their opinions, whether right or wrong. Instead, in the words of Thomas Jefferson: 'If we think them not enlightened enough to exercise their control

with a wholesome discretion, the remedy is not to take it from them—but to inform their discretion by education.'

Senator John F. Kennedy, 1957.

FOR IT MAY BE SAID of men in general that they are ungrateful, voluble, dissemblers, anxious to avoid danger, and covetous of gain; as long as you benefit them, they are entirely yours, they offer you their blood, their goods, their life, and their children . . . when the necessity is remote; but when it approaches they revolt. And the prince who has relied solely on their words, without making other preparations, is ruined; for the friendship which is gained by purchase and not through grandeur and nobility of spirit is bought but not secured, and at a pinch is not to be expended in your service."

From "*The Prince*" by Machiavelli

IF WAGE AND OTHER DEMANDS are not accompanied by increasing productivity, inevitably prices will be driven out of reach, and foreign competition encouraged to the detriment of the entire economy. American workers will wind up as the highest paid unemployed workers in the world."

From "*Public Affairs*" by Bernard Baruch

WE ARE RAPIDLY coming to a point where a change of elected officials, including Congress and the White House, can mean little change in policy. You are governed more and more by people for whom you have never voted, for whom you never will vote, whom you have never seen, and whom you cannot recall by your vote. They are entrenched in the boards, bureaus and commissions, even at the policy level. . . . This is a form of invisible government and can lead to the most oppressive type of tyranny."

Congressman James B. Utt (R. Calif.)

A RED IS A RED . . .

THE LATE GERTRUDE STEIN is probably best remembered for her phrase: "A rose is a rose is a rose," a literary bonbon that has intrigued people for years.

In the light of a recent conversation with an expert on communism, a variation on Miss Stein's theme might well be in order: "A communist is a communist is a communist." This sums up what the expert said and it points up a simple fact that has not been grasped even yet by politicians and diplomats who are supposed to be fighting communism. Briefly it is this:

There is no such thing as an Albanian Communist, a Chinese Communist, a Cuban Communist, an American Communist or any other special kind. Once a person accepts communism he has no allegiance to anything except communism per se, and he is bound to do whatever the leaders of the conspiracy call on him to do. When we give billions to Yugoslavia, Poland and other communist countries we are not helping the Yugoslavs or the Poles; we are helping to strengthen the communist regimes in those countries. When we support any leader who is partial to the Kremlin, we are assuredly building up a potential enemy.

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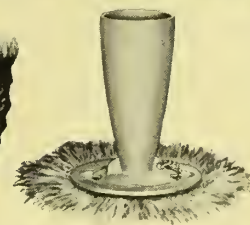
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- You have a choice of only two tax forms this year, as against the three last year (form 1040 W has been dropped).
- The remaining pair consists of 1040 A (the small, machine-type card) and the 1040 "long form."
- You may use 1040 A only if your income is less than \$10,000 and consists of wages subject to withholding and not more than \$200 of income from interest, dividends, etc. When you use this form, you get a flat deduction of 10%.
- If your income is \$10,000 and up — or if your allowable expenses aren't covered by the 10% deduction in 1040 A; or if you have more than \$200 of income on which nothing has been withheld — you must use the longer form.

In the event that you have a choice, which form gives you the better break? There's only one sure way to get the right answer: Figure your tax both ways. You'll probably find that if you're an apartment dweller with a small family, the flat 10% knock-off allowed in 1040 A more than covers your deductible outlays. On the other hand, if you own a home and have several children, the interest on your mortgage, real estate taxes, medical bills, and church-charity contributions will top 10%. In that case, of course, you should use the longer form to report the details.

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The Federal government — and state governments, for that matter — get tougher every year on proof of deductions.

You should save all supporting documents at least three years.

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Now that seat-belt anchors are standard on all new cars, the public actually is beginning to buy the belts themselves at a surprisingly fast clip. Moreover, state legislation and testing is cropping up all over (one state — Wisconsin — is making both anchors and belts mandatory for front seats on all new models).

Price-wise a pair of belts runs \$15-\$20. Experts says the test of a reliable belt is that:

- 1) It should withstand a 4,000-5,000 lb. load for three seconds without breaking or slipping more than 1 in. through the fastener.
- 2) The webbing should be at least 1 11/16 in. wide.
- 3) You should be able to open buckles or fasteners with one hand.

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Here are two additional automotive developments to take into account: TIRE prices by and large will be steady for the immediate future (with the usual local variations, sales, and bargains). Quality and variety, though, will improve. New types of synthetic rubbers are lengthening tread life, while still better cording is emerging from the relentless battle between the nylon and rayon factions. Also, the two-ply type tires will bid for a much bigger share of the market.

FRONT TURN SIGNALS on all 1963 models will be amber (instead of white) for better visibility and less confusion. This marks the start of a general improvement in auto signal and lighting systems — now so varied and complex that the trade sometimes refers to them as "pinball machines."

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The next time an argument about wealth comes up, you may want to cite one or two key points from an enormously learned study that's just appeared ("The Share of Top Wealth-Holders in National Wealth"; by Robert J. Lampman; Princeton University Press):

- The total personal wealth in the U.S. (real estate, securities, cash, insurance, and miscellaneous holdings) now tops a trillion dollars. That averages out to over \$10,000 per adult (with a median of \$3,500 plus).

By Edgar A. Grunwald

SAW THE LIGHT

SIR: Until recently I thought that communism was just another political party and I couldn't figure out why our leaders and their leaders couldn't get together and come to a "live and let live" understanding. But now when I know there are more than a billion people marching around this earth who think I am politically diseased and that it is humane to put me out of my misery, and who want to raise my four youngsters to become Godless, mindless machines, well, need I say more?

DONNA SINNETT,
Macksville, Kans.

NEW STATUE

SIR: If ever a new Statue of Liberty is designed it will be holding the bag instead of the torch.

JACK WEINER
Bronx, N.Y.

CO-OPERATION

SIR: With reason, Khrushchev seemed impressed with the feat of our astronaut, Lt. Col. John H. Glenn, Jr., and has suggested that the U.S. and the USSR should now "co-operate" in space travel. Translated into realism, this means that the Soviets are anxious to find out everything possible about our highly instrumented missiles and our elaborate tracking systems. (Presumably they haven't been able to steal this information yet through their usual channels.) If we oblige them with this they can of course do a more effective job with those big Russian-type hogsheads they bounce into space, and can bury us all the sooner. If past experience is any criterion, and despite the fact that the Russians refuse to divulge anything about their missiles, we will no doubt play patsy again and tell them everything—all in the name of peaceful co-existence and international understanding. Already Adlai Stevenson is making noises indicating his desire to "co-operate," but of course that figures.

WILLIAM VOGT, JR.
Rye, N.Y.

BRAZILIAN BANDITRY

SIR: Three days ago U.P.I. reported that "The leftist government of Rio Grande do Sul state has seized the 8 million dollar International Telephone Company Friday night, offering its American owners about \$400,000 in compensation." The company has appealed to the U.S. State Department to press for reversal of the expropriation order. Two years ago an American power company was seized. Meanwhile we keep hearing about the "Alliance for Progress" deal under which Brazil expects you and me to provide 738 million dollars in U.S. aid. Are we again expected to sit back and exude confidence, probably witnessing another Castro act, while Uncle Sam demands 738 million dollars from you and me in taxes, to hand



over to the Brazilian leftist bandits? Patriotic Americans should inundate Congressmen and Senators with their opinions of our country's continuing submission to international banditry and blackmail.

J. ELLIS BOWEN
West Newton, Mass.

NEW FORMAT

SIR: Thank you for a splendid January issue. The cover was better than ever and the articles were up to date, covering extremely important subjects. You have new fire in your magazine. Keep it up.

B. C. G. DAVIS,
Houston, Tex.

SIR: Bouquets of roses to your wonderful staff for the top-notch articles in the January issue concerning the communistic threat to America. Speaking in behalf of the First Christian Church here, I can only say that your courage and foresight are much admired. God bless you and your loyal staff.

VERNON C. RODGERS, Minister
First Christian Church
Harper, Kans.

SIR: I felt it necessary to write this letter regarding the January issue. The front cover compelled me to check further—the articles on communism and Pro & Con were tremendous. I don't know what happened but whatever it was keep it going. This sounds again like The American Legion of yesteryear.

CARL J. DI RIENZI,
North Canton, Ohio

We want to thank the many readers who commented on our new format.
The Editors

MOTIVATING FORCE

SIR: It might interest James Warner Bellah, who wrote "Wingate's Broadway Commandos" in your January issue, to know that as Commander of

the 27th Troop Carrier Squadron I flew the airplane that towed the glider in which he rode and which Colonel Alison piloted. John Alison is a dear friend of mine and we are both in the Air Force Reserve and both still on flying status. Although he lives in Hawthorne, Calif., I saw him a couple of nights ago in Washington.

LEWIS C. BURWELL, JR.
Pinehurst, N.C.

MEMORIES

SIR: James Warner Bellah deserves commendation for the excellent description of a memorable event in his story "Wingate's Broadway Commandos" in the January, 1962 issue. Reading this story vividly brings back the memories of this glider invasion from "wheels up" to "flaps down." My only objection is that certain units were not recognized. For instance, the 27th Troop Carrier Squadron stationed at Sylhet, India, supplied planes and crews that flew in this mission. However, during the war, publicity often singled out one outfit when several fought side by side. The real spine tingling hazard was the air supply of these troops by night as they traversed the jungle. Those who flew low in the Stygian darkness dropping supplies to a lighted "L" pattern have a nightmare memory. May I also commend your editorial staff. Our magazine is one of my favorites. As a boy I always enjoyed reading Dad's copy. Now I am proud of my membership in The American Legion.

RAYMOND D. POTTER,
Monroe, La.

INDIAN JOHN

SIR: After reading the enclosed material I am sure that *The American Legion Magazine* will want to rectify the error of publishing the letter from "communist fighter" N. T. John, of Kerala, India. Those of your readers who may be sending materials to Mr. John, in the mistaken belief that they are helping him to fight communism, should be informed of the findings of the State Department.

BILL LIPHAM,
Abilene, Tex.

The United States Information Agency reports that "a number of enterprising individuals in Kerala after soliciting periodicals to fight communism," then became more ambitious in their begging. Mr. John was named as one of the moochers, and we regret that his letter calling for anti-communist literature was published. *The Editors.*

COLONIALISM

SIR: What European state has the largest non-European colonial empire? Britain? France? Portugal? The Netherlands? Wrong. It's Soviet Russia. She rules millions of Asiatic subjects in Siberia and Turkstan. These peo-

ple, the Mongols, Turkmins, Yakutsk, Uzbeks, etc., have been subjected to intensive "Russification" programs. By forcefully settling in their lands people from her European satellites, Soviet Russia has reduced these people to minorities in many places in their own homelands. The natural resources of these areas are exploited by and sent to European Russia. The economies of these areas are twisted to suit the demands of European Russia. The right of these people to self-determination has been consistently ignored by the communists and non-communists the world over. This is European imperialism at its worst.

THOMAS H. GROF,
Nantucket, Mass.

NEEDLE IN HAYSTACK

SIR: Delighted to say I have now heard from all three U.S. veterans for whom you published an inquiry and I thank you for your indispensable help.

WILFRED SMITH
Preston, Lancashire
England

A notice in our December issue sought to put Mr. Smith in touch with three U.S. veterans taken prisoner in North Africa in 1943.

The Editors

HOLES IN HEAD?

SIR: A lot of people have the idea that communism comes from empty bellies. These people think that if you provide food for the world's hungry you will automatically stop communism. However, those pictures you published showing the communist leaders in this country don't show any traces of anemia, and commissars Hall, Flynn and Davis, are downright fat. Going beyond these, and looking at the people who push the party line in demonstrations against nuclear testing, etc., I don't find any hungry looking people either. So I've come to the conclusion that it isn't empty bellies that cause communism but empty heads.

NAME WITHFIELD
New York, N.Y.

EXTREMISTS

SIR: There are plenty of extremists against the United States of America. Extremists and alarmists mold and move the world, for good or for evil. Every great writer, artist and inventor has been an extremist. The motivation to invent, to perfect, to create is a million miles removed from middle-of-the-road conformity and apathy. The jellyfish, the nervous nellys and the lazy daisies take counsel of their fears. Those who are fearful of appearing to be "controversial" will drift with any current. To stand up, to speak out, to sound the alarm, is to exercise robust courage. George Washington had wealth, respect and position. Yet he risked all of these be-

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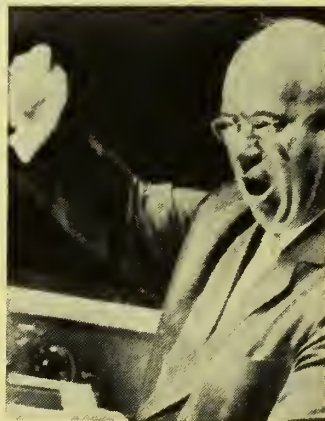
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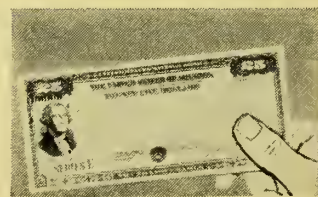
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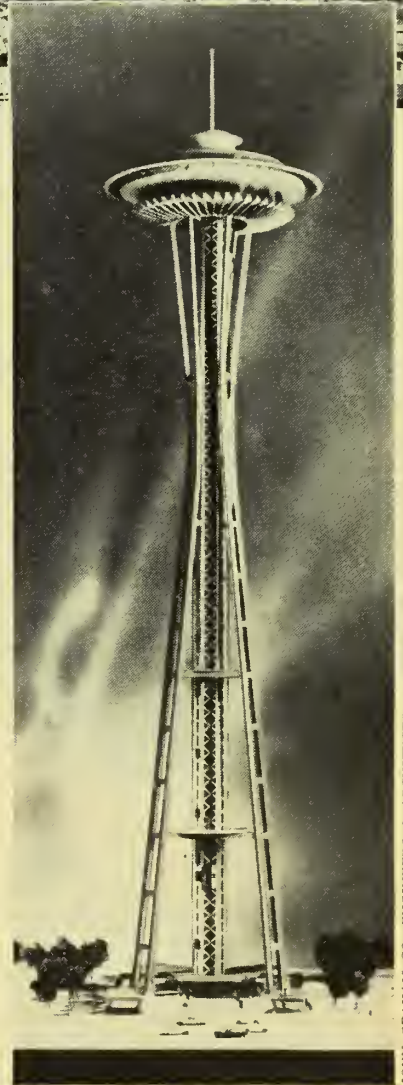
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THE MYSTERY OF THE



"It is 1625 hours," the pilot radioed, "we are not certain where we are . . ."

By ALLAN W. ECKERT

ON DECEMBER 5, 1946 a flight of five TBM Avenger propeller-driven torpedo bombers took off from the United States Naval Air Station at Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. For all intents and purposes it was a routine patrol flight differing not in the least from dozens of other patrol flights having originated there. This particular flight, however, was destined never to be forgotten because it flew directly into one of the greatest and most incredible mysteries in the history of manned flight. A mystery no closer to being solved today than it was 16 years ago.

World War II had been over for only

a few months at this time and patrol flights were still an integral part of our Coastal Defense System. Few areas of the entire United States coast were not regularly patrolled by these CDS flights.

At this time of the year the pilots flying CDS patrol out of Ft. Lauderdale were generally considered luckier than most. Instead of snow-covered shorelines and bleak gray ocean stretching out beneath bitterly cold cockpits, these pilots flew regularly over the bright blue of the warm Gulf Stream and long sandy shorelines that quickly dissolved into lush semitropical verdancy. All things considered, CDS patrol from Ft. Lauderdale was generally regarded as "gravy" duty.

ILLUSTRATED BY MAC CONNER

That is, until December 5, 1945.

Shortly after dawn that Wednesday morning a bank of clouds moved across the peninsula from west to east. Coming in from the Gulf, they blanketed the area from Sarasota north to Tarpon Springs. Within three hours the leading edge of the front was crossing over an area of the Atlantic Coast from Melbourne Beach north to Daytona Beach. By one o'clock in the afternoon the last of this bank of clouds broke up over the ocean east of Cape Canaveral. There were a few scattered clouds elsewhere but most of Florida remained clear.

Careful pre-flight checks had been run on the five Avengers and all were fueled to capacity. The flight leader's plane was

LOST PATROL

What happened to the six Navy planes that vanished without a trace on a routine mission?

to carry only two men, while the remaining four carried three men each. All 14 men had flight and navigation experience ranging from as little as 13 months to veteran experience of six years. They had studied their flight plan well: the planes were to make a triangular patrol, flying due east for 160 miles, then due north for 40 miles, then back southwest directly to Ft. Lauderdale again. A simple



The men in the tower heard overtones of incredulity and fear in the voices.

patrol flight was indicated, nothing more.

Under sparkling blue skies the first plane took off at precisely 1402 hours (2:02 p.m.) and by 1408 hours all five planes were in formation and buzzed out of sight over the ocean. Not until 1545 hours were they heard from. This was the expected time for the flight leader to call the tower for landing instructions. But the call received was not a routine one.

"Calling tower . . . this is an emergency, tower . . . this is an *emergency!*" Even with radio distortion there was an unnerving fear in the flight leader's voice. The tower gave him clearance and await-

ed his reply. There was a long pause, then: "We cannot see land . . . repeat . . . we can see no sign of land."

"What is your position?" the tower radioed back instantly.

"We are not sure of our position . . . we can't be sure where we are . . . we don't know."

This was unthinkable. How could five planes with experienced pilots and navigators become lost under such ideal flying conditions?"

"Assume bearing due west," the tower ordered. The reply received was shocking.

"We cannot be sure which way is west," the flight leader answered. "We cannot be sure of any direction . . . everything is wrong . . . strange . . . the ocean doesn't look as it should."

The sun was by this time nearing the western horizon. It was positively ridiculous to think that these five planes could not find west, even had they been depending only upon visual observation.

During the next 40 minutes the tower distinctly heard the planes talking to one another — all apparently within

sight of one another, none with any idea in regard to their position and all with overtones of incredulity, fear and hysteria growing in their conversation.

With no prior warning or reason given for the action, the flight leader abruptly turned over the flight command to another of the planes. This in itself was most unusual and bespoke a desperately grave emergency.

Two hours and seventeen minutes after take-off, the tower received its last message from the flight: "It is 1625 hours . . . we are not certain where we are . . . must be about 225 miles northeast of base . . . looks like we are ----" The message broke off.

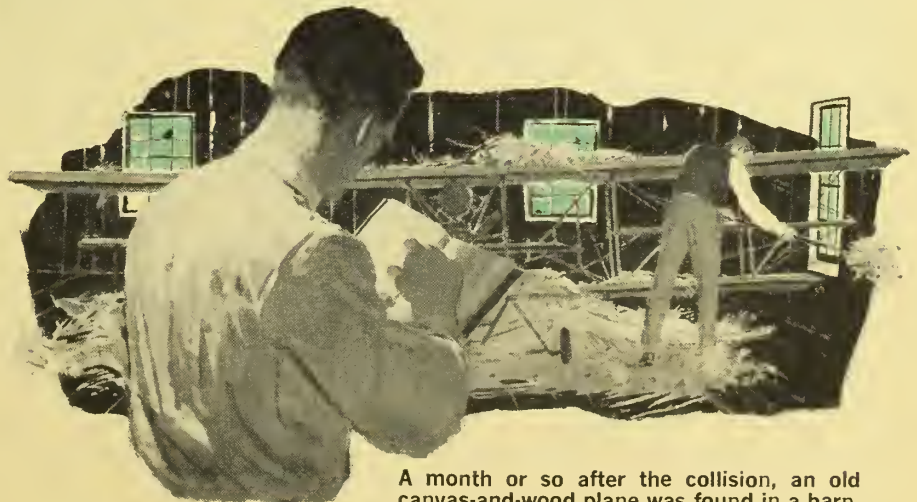
Immediately a Martin flying boat with full rescue equipment and 13 crew members was dispatched toward that area. It gave several routine radio reports and then lapsed into silence. Attempts to raise it on radio failed.

By this time it was late dusk and all through the long night the Coast Guard searched intensively. Their efforts were fruitless. A call for help was issued to Naval Headquarters and by the time the warm light of first sun had crept above the horizon, the aircraft carrier *Solomons* had moved into the area and swiftly dispatched her scores of aircraft to join in the search. All that day the search continued over an ever widening area.

By mid-afternoon 21 Navy and Coast Guard vessels had joined in the search. Above them, in prescribed grid search pattern, over 300 planes assisted. Twelve large land parties were organized and performed a step-by-step search of over 300 miles of shoreline — all the way from St. Augustine in the north to Miami Beach in the south. There was not a single item of wreckage debris from any of the six planes.

Nor did any of the sea searchers discover a trace of the missing planes.

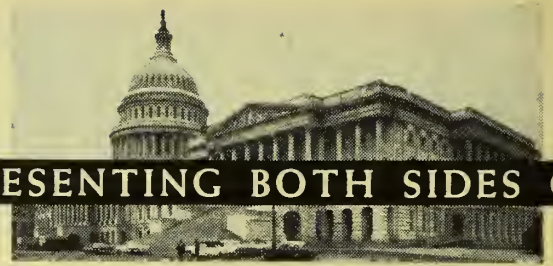
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A month or so after the collision, an old canvas-and-wood plane was found in a barn.

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PRESENTING BOTH SIDES OF



THIS MONTH'S BIG ISSUE:

Should The United States

PRO

Rep. Hale Boggs (D-La.)
Second District



YES, I AM firmly convinced that our country should be able to negotiate reciprocal tariff reductions with the European Common Market and other nations to advance our economic growth and strengthen the West.

Today the United States and the nations of free Europe have the greatest opportunity since the end of World War II to halt the advance of international communism. The opportunity of which I speak is the formation of a closer economic union between our country and the growing European Common Market. With the fact that the United States and western Europe together have a trained population twice that of the USSR and an industrial production three times as great, there is no doubt that some type of trade partnership between our country and the Common Market would confront the Soviets with an economic bulwark against their evil objectives.

The first positive and practical step in this direction is for the Congress to enact a new trade law which would provide the President with broader authority to negotiate reciprocal tariff reductions on an across-the-board basis on whole groups of products, instead of his present limited authority to negotiate minimal tariff cuts item-by-item. The Common Market countries are now reducing their internal tariffs on groups of commodities, and this is the only practical way for

us to bargain with this prospering union.

Our current Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act expires next June 30, and the Congress must take positive action before that date. I believe that failure to enact a meaningful trade program which gives our government flexibility in negotiating with the Common Market could be disastrous in the long run for American business and the American working man.

Lower tariff barriers will help to increase our export markets; enhance the prosperity of our export industries; boost our business and industry to revitalize their technological processes and modernize their plants and equipment to meet the increased competition from western Europe; improve our balance-of-payments position through the increased margin of our exports over imports; strengthen our industries so that they will be better able to meet the enlarged competition from free Europe by producing in the United States instead of doing so by way of subsidiaries behind the Common Market wall; build up the economies of the developing nations through granting them freer access to U.S. markets and those of the European community; advance the effectiveness of our foreign aid to these developing countries because of their own growing exports to more markets, and transfer some of the responsibility for foreign aid to the prospering countries of the Common Market.

Our responsibilities in the world today are such that we cannot withdraw behind high tariff walls. Not only would such a course be injurious to our economic growth, but also — and more importantly — it would weaken our position as the free world's leader.

If you wish to let your Congressman or one of your Senators know how you feel on this big issue, tear out the "ballot" on the facing page and mail it to him----->

THE BIG ISSUES

Lower Its Trade Barriers?

CON

Rep. John H. Dent (D-Pa.)
Twenty-First District



I HAVE HEARD on the air and read in the press the statements of importers' groups, foreign agents, lawyers, public relations groups, overseas investors and others alleging that we create 5,000,000 jobs by exporting \$15,000,000,000 worth of cotton, coal, minerals, heavy duty machinery, hides, logs, etc. These same people say we lose only 200,000 jobs by importing \$15,000,000,000 worth of radios, shoes, shirts, sporting goods, tile, watches and binoculars (about 70 percent of our imports are manufactured goods.)

If this is true, why don't we buy everything we need, sell everything we make and stay home on the back porch, drinking beer? You know, and I know, it is *not* true.

When your neighbor is out of work, that's a recession; when you yourself are out of work, that's a depression. Like it or not, millions of our people are suffering a depression right now, despite all sorts of stop-gap remedies. We have re-enacted unemployment compensation extension, increased public works spending and public housing; we have passed aid to depressed areas. Every state in the Union has put on some kind of consumer tax to protect its industries against raids from other states.

(None seems to worry about raids from other countries.)

We've talked prosperity, we've amended Social Security, we've increased interest rates — in fact we've done just about everything but adjust tariffs.

I predict things will get much worse before they get better if we don't tackle the tariff problem.

This nation, because of its industries, freedom for its unions and its institutions, was able to bail the world out of two World Wars — three, if you count Korea. We put American enterprise above all other considerations.

Now, the tariff has become the political football of the traders, importers, exporters, bankers, public relations firms, lobbyists, professors, politicians and labor leaders. It has become so hopelessly confused that some of us ask but one thing: that before going any further with tariff cuts we review our 27-year experience with the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act. It takes but a glance to determine that our once paramount position has been undermined and that we have become just one of the pack in a world-wide economic rat-race.

Everyone tells me I'm licked, but I'll keep fighting for protection of our native industries because my friends are out of work and my people are being told by my Government that they and their jobs are expendable — that to protect American enterprises is wrong. I'm *mad!* And I'll be — — — if I will go ahead blindly on the recommendation of a group of men in and out of government who, in the main, have only a superficial knowledge of the conditions in our depressed areas, our unemployed and our millions who have been disenfranchised by the production of low-paid foreigners.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John H. Dent".

I have read in The American Legion Magazine for April the arguments in PRO & CON on the subject: "Should the U.S. Lower Its Trade Barriers?"

THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE

IN MY OPINION THE U. S.

SHOULD

SHOULD NOT LOWER ITS TRADE BARRIERS

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By ROBERT RIENOW

"**S**PEAKING OF INTOLERANCE." began the American professor just back from Ceylon, "our house boy was a Tamil. Although he was really very smart, he was completely cowed. 'I'd like to have you learn to drive the car,' I said to him one day, 'and get yourself a driver's license.'"

We waited for him to continue, our interest aroused.

"The boy was actually dismayed. 'Oh no,' he said. *They* (the ruling Sinhalese) would never give me a license! He admitted later that it was his fear of the Sinhalese that kept him from registering to vote."

"But why?" we asked.

"Well, the Tamils look different, speak their own language, and come from the mainland of India. Looming behind this Tamil minority of perhaps a million in Ceylon, are the hordes of their Indian countrymen on the mainland. Fearing that if the Sinhalese lost their grip, these hordes might someday overrun the island, the rulers of Ceylon hold the Tamils to a strictly second-class citizenship."

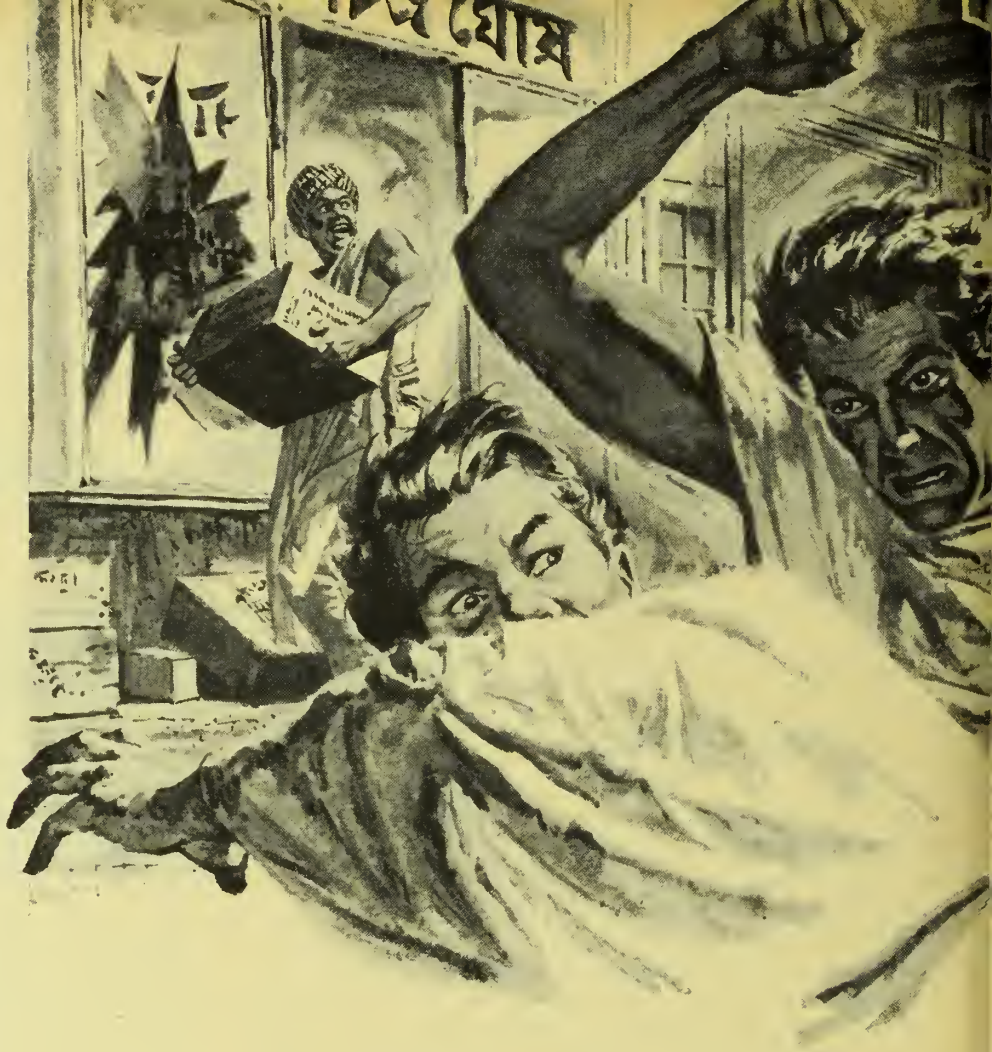
"Intolerance is almost always an outgrowth of fear," I said.

"But when Buddhist priests run amuck in a wave of hate, or blood flows in the streets of Colombo, no one pounds his shoe on the desks of the United Nations demanding an accounting. What I'm getting at is this, continued the professor: intolerance is no Western sin — it's worldwide. The very nations who castigate the West for it in loudest tones are the ones who harbor the most vicious intolerance right in their own backyards."

"It's a strange thing," someone broke in with a laugh. "that it's the conscience of the West that has codified the rules by which to measure tolerance. If the West hadn't defined tolerance in political terms, there would be no measure by which to judge it. Yet they take this code and apply it against us but never think to apply it against themselves."

This conversation opened up a whole new area of research for me. I thought of our Little Rock and Chicago riots, and of our open and avowed shame because of them. I thought of England's shocked disbelief as the mobs of Middlesbrough broke into wild and ugly race violence. I thought, too, of the agony of South Africa. We of the West had much to answer for.

But what of these other nations who constantly berate the West so bitterly? How clean are the stone-casters' hands? It soon became obvious that the most pressing need of the underdeveloped peoples of the world is not to build



BIGOTRY

themselves more dams and steel mills. Rather, it is time they began to judge themselves by the same rules they apply to us. Doing so, they might suffer new anguish, possibly as great as the anguish they experience when we break the rules. Such a course would contribute more directly to the welfare of man and of their own peoples.

Thus, India has assumed a lofty pose as the champion of minorities in other countries. Yet India, above all, should tread in this area with humility. Consider the headlines: "Four killed, 75 hurt in Calcutta in riot of 3,000 refugees from East Pakistan." "Seven killed near Hailakandi when police fire on crowd demonstrating for Punjab State — over 100 hurt." "600 Moslem leaders convene, New Delhi; warn against treating Moslems as 2nd class citizens."

India, born in a religious blood bath,

is caught up in a fierce intolerance of language. Leaders, such as Master Tara Singh, strain the political bonds of the country with a dramatic fast to call attention to Sikh demands. Needing national unity desperately, India is torn by dissension, ripped apart by cultural differences and discrimination. We must be sympathetic toward a nation such as India that is struggling against suffocating custom in its attempt to unbind the untouchables and is nearly helpless in lifting primitive tribal groups in its population. But India's troubles should be a strong reminder to both their leaders and ourselves that intolerance is a frailty of people, all people — Oriental as well as Occidental.

Throughout South East Asia, a spill over of Chinese has plagued countries, many of them new, with a minority issue of appalling dimensions. There is Thailand for example. Of its 17 million peo-

ILLUSTRATED BY HARRY SCHAARE



Minority groups in Asia and Africa are often subjected to brutal treatment.

ABROAD

Many would have you believe that intolerance is a Western sin, but those who complain

most about it are often the worst offenders.

ple, almost three million are Chinese who persist in thinking of themselves as a separate community. Far from being downtrodden, the success of the Chinese in commerce, their domination of business in Bangkok, the solid blocks of prosperous Chinese shops and houses, build hate and resentment. The Thai grumbling is bitter with intolerance as they grouse about these sharp traders of the Orient.

Again, fear, real or imagined, lies at the root of the prejudice. What thoughts are going on behind those inscrutable Chinese eyes? What fiendish plots are they hatching of collaboration with Red Chinese to overrun Thailand? "We are being milked by the Chinese merchants. Then they send our riches to China," mutter the Thai. Much of this is exaggeration, imagination—or both. But the hatred of this rich minority is there, smoldering and alive.

While President Sukarno of Indonesia shames America for its lack of dedication to equality by reading to us the admonitions of our forefathers, he, too, must contend with problems of sharp inequality. A recent study of an Indonesian community by Dr. Donald E. Willmott of Cornell points up this same problem of a Chinese minority scarcely integrated into the life of the area. The Chinese here employ the Javanese as servants, and hate and envy seethe. "The Chinese and Indonesians will never mix together on a basis of genuine equality," said one official, coldly. Here scorn is met with scorn, and prejudices multiply.

Whether you refer to Jordan or to Saudi Arabia or to any other part of the Middle East, you will find the forces of

fanaticism and intolerance at work. In Jordan, the various sects fester in rivalry. Even in Israel, which we like to think a haven against persecution, the crowds mill around the Church of Christ chanting deliriously: "Eichmann! Eichmann!" seeking one unbroken window that they can use as a target for their stones. What possible connection there could be between Eichmann and a Christian church is not understandable; but somebody or something had to be set up as a focus for the mob overstimulated by an international trial in which their real grievances and tragedies were so vividly dramatized and their wounds scraped so bear.

Certainly, too, the million Arab refugees
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By BOB WILLETT

HOLLYWOOD'S

Shooting Star

THE WELL-KNOWN movie star stood at the bar, watching the bartender pour him a drink. About 10 yards away, Rodd Redwing raised his .22 rifle, ready to shoot the glass out of the player's hand when he put it to his lips. The star, who was making his first western, reached for the drink, then suddenly froze.

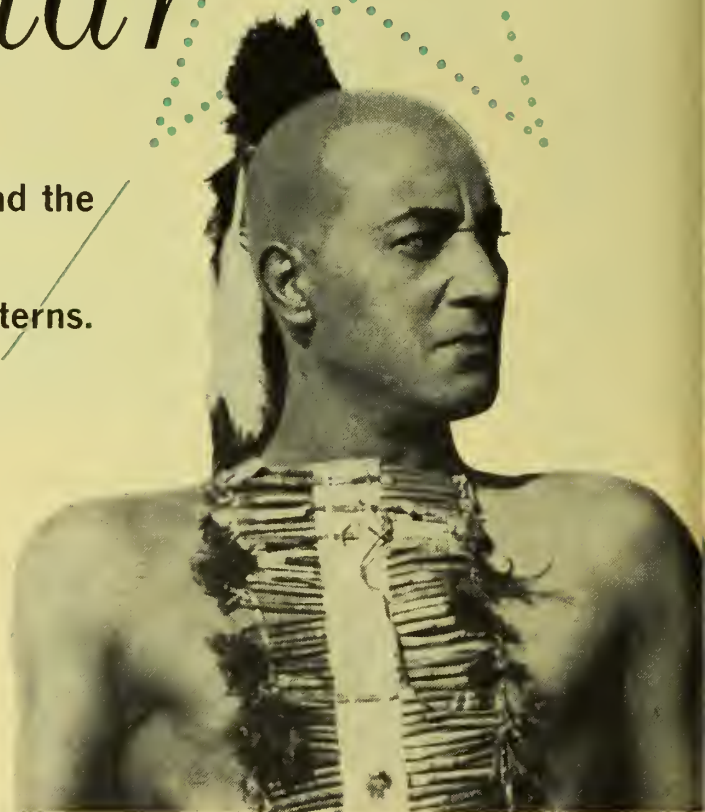
"I just can't pick it up," he protested. "I keep thinking about what *might* happen. You'd better get a double."

Rodd Redwing is often the man behind the man behind the gun in movie and TV westerns.

"Why, Rodd's done this sort of thing dozens of times," the director pointed out. "You haven't a thing to worry about, and I can prove it."

Outlining a much more difficult trick shot, he got the actor to agree to go through with the scene providing Redwing pulled off the other stunt. Rodd then stuck a match in a crack in the bar and stood a candy lifesaver in front of it, the head of the match visible through the hole. Taking up a position at the other end of the bar, he aimed carefully and pulled the trigger. Cast and crew applauded as the bullet passed through the candy, without breaking it, and ignited the match.

Satisfied, the actor allowed the glass in his hand to be blown to bits. After that, he joined the host of film heroes



Redwing, a full-blooded Chickasaw, is proud of his Indian heritage.



Alan Ladd, left, shown with Van Heflin, is a Redwing protégé, and a good man with a gun.



Redwing and Glenn Ford compare gun notes. Ford is another gun expert.

who sing the praises of a Chickasaw Indian who is not only Hollywood's hottest shot but also one of the most accomplished marksmen in the history of firearms.

Shooting, doubling, instructing, and giving technical assistance, Redwing has greatly enhanced the reputations of most of the glorified gunmen, good and bad, of the screen and TV. As one producer puts it, "Rodd Redwing not only shines up our shooting stars but, whenever it

few years ago, he doubled for Gregory Peck in some scenes for *The Gunfighter*, only to have them end up on the cutting room floor. They looked too good to be true.)

"Some of the stars who play western heroes couldn't beat a six-year-old to the draw," the rapid-firing redskin remarks. "If they went up against one of the gun-slingers of the Old West, they'd last about as long as a head of lettuce at a rabbit convention.



Redwing, using a mirror, demonstrates some trick shooting to Michael Pate.

is necessary he is able to outshine them."

Certainly, although several stars have developed considerable six-gun skill under his guidance, none has come anywhere near his record fast-draw. He can reach for his revolver, yank it from the holster, and fire it in two-tenths of a second. He's demonstrated this on television but has never drawn that fast for a movie. If he did, there would be such a blur of action that audiences would refuse to believe it was the real thing. (A

"Still, there are several stars—Alan Ladd and Bill Holden among them—who are good at gunplay. They're good because they're not afraid of guns, and like to shoot as a hobby. My toughest teaching assignments are the actors who've never held a gun in their hands before and don't like the idea. In such cases, I always try to get them to let me do a lot of doubling. It's better for all concerned if a guy who doesn't go for guns leaves them alone."

Several years ago, when director George Stevens went to work on his first western film, he gave Redwing an opportunity to do something about a silly situation that had persisted in motion pictures for 50 years. The result was the realistic, highly successful *Shane*, in which a man hit with a .45 slug at a distance of 10 feet reacted the right way for the first time in Hollywood history.

Rodd experimented with a dummy the same size and weight as the victim. He discovered that, instead of standing still as a bullet crashed into it, it was carried backward several feet by the force of the slug. To achieve this effect in the film, the actor who was supposedly shot had a wire attached to his belt and was jerked violently backward when his opponent fired. The sequence brought even the most jaded critics to the edge of their seats.

Redwing rehearsed Alan Ladd for three weeks in preparation for his *Shane* performance, which called for him to beat villain Jack Palance to the draw. Had the fight happened in real life, he feels, it would have been easier for Alan than when the script was followed. Palance had a habit of bending his knee as he went for his gun, giving himself away like a boxer telegraphing a punch. On top of that, like so many other actors doing killer characterizations, Palance put on a pair of gloves before each gun battle.

"In the old days, unless the fingers had been cut out of them," Redwing reveals, "wearing gloves when going up against someone like Jesse James would have been like asking for a one-way ticket to the nearest cemetery."

Having devoted 25 years to the study of gunmen famous in American history, Rodd scoffs at Hollywood's handling of them in period pictures. The records reveal that real western badmen were dirty fighters. Billy the Kid, pulling a jail break, shot one deputy in the back and another, unarmed, in the face. Wild Bill Hickok once shot and killed a man while hiding behind a curtain. John Wesley Hardin, in Redwing's book the best of the badmen, was killed by John Selman, who shot him in the back.

Hickok may be a two-gun hero on today's TV, but he was actually a killer who carried seven guns—a derringer in each coattail, a pair of Smith & Wesson pistols in hip holsters, two Navy single-shot guns under his arms, and a sawed-off double-barreled shotgun under his coat.

When Redwing reported these findings, the information was labeled publicity for a Hickok picture, and a number of people wrote letters of protest. Before replying to them, Rodd delved deeper into history, then admitted he'd made a mistake in listing Wild Bill's weapons. He'd forgotten the Bowie knife the famous badman also carried.

"Movie and TV heroes walk down the main street until the heavy materializes, challenges them to draw, and then mow him down. Or, the marshal gets the drop on the killer, gets him to throw down one or two guns, and then acts as if he has the situation under control. It never happened that way. If an outlaw dropped only a couple of guns, and his captor then relaxed, he'd pull another gun, and the peace officer would be a dead pigeon.

"Split seconds spelled the difference between life and death in gunplay, and no real gunman ever gave his rival any advantage if he could help it. Gun battles were usually games of hide-and-seek. Trickery was every bit as important as skill."

The shooting expert won't be surprised.
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Redwing, featured as chief, is shown with John Lodiak in a scene from "Conquest of Cochise."

A REVOLUTION STARTED in Louisiana classrooms last year, moved from teenagers to their parents and now is spreading to whole communities. It is not, however, the kind of revolution which is favored by the communists as a step in their conquest of a free country.

This amazing "chain reaction" from youngsters to parents to the rest of the public is the result of the very successful first year's operation of the Louisiana public school course in Americanism versus Communism.

Although such communist doctrines as "dialectical materialism" and the "permanent revolution" are knowingly discussed, there are no converts to Marxism.

So far, 30,000 high school students have taken the required six-week course and we have no way of estimating the additional thousands of parents and others who have been affected in one way or another by the school program.

Frankly, I and others who are professional educators have been surprised at the immediate and far reaching success of the course. We worked under the pressure of time and expected it would take at least one year's operation to solve the problems of such a new teaching assignment. The fact is that the students took to the course with enthusiasm and the teacher's problems were primarily those of finding the information and data to keep up with the students' questions and interest.

The hope expressed by Allen W. Dulles, former Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, that we have "more education on the whole history of the communist movement" is being fulfilled in Louisiana.

Our youngsters are learning about the communist blue-print for world conquest, and about the communists' Marxian dream of the future that includes all of us living under their domination. I know it will be difficult, if not impossible, to brainwash these young people.

Such protection for our children has long been a personal desire of mine but the proposal of such a course ten years ago would have brought down an avalanche of opposition from among the so-called "liberals" and "parlor pinks." But in 1962 the course, Americanism versus Communism, has received praise throughout our state from people in every walk of life.

Our biggest problem today is how to improve the course on the basis of the first year's experience.

The course on Americanism versus Communism in the public schools resulted from a joint resolution of both houses of the Louisiana Legislature in 1960. But behind this resolution were



STUDYING COMMUNISM

By **SHELBY M. JACKSON**

LOUISIANA STATE SUPERINTENDENT
OF PUBLIC EDUCATION



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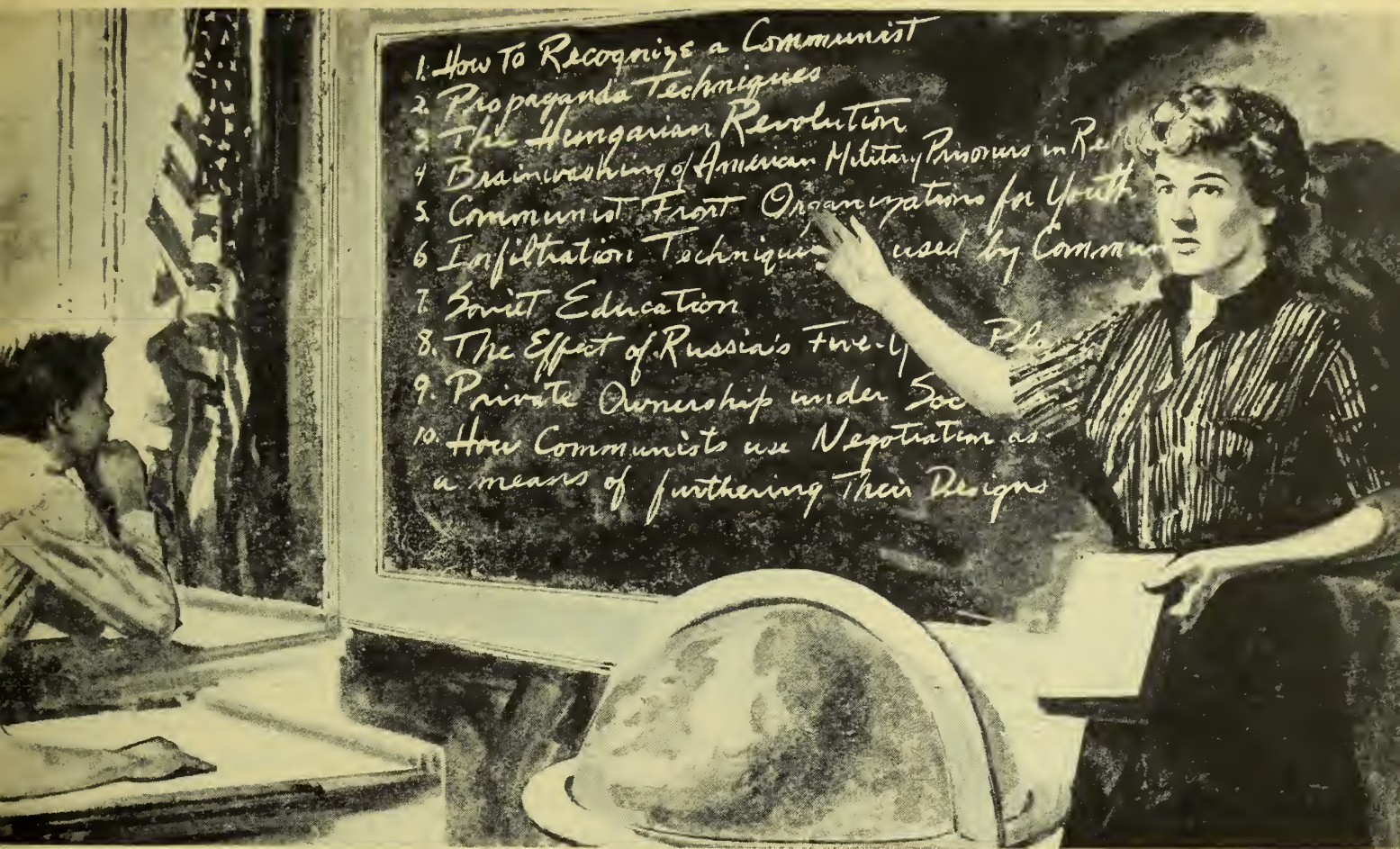
years of hard work by both The American Legion and the Louisiana Bar Association.

For example, Richard Cadwallader, Baton Rouge attorney and Chairman of the Americanism Committee of The American Legion, Nicholson Post #38, had worked for about five years trying to find a way to get across to his fellow citizens a truly educated grasp of the dangers of communism as well as the advantages of the American way of life.

In the mid-1950's he developed a speaker's bureau on communism, but it very difficult to get enough good speakers on the subject. People at that time

were also a little afraid of the subject, some had the notion the best way to cope with the problem was to deny that it existed. When The American Legion backed the idea of teaching the facts about communism in public schools, Cadwallader made this his goal for Louisiana.

His personal interest in educating Americans about the ways of commu-



1. How To Recognize a Communist
2. Propaganda Techniques
3. The Hungarian Revolution
4. Brainwashing of American Military Prisoners in Russia
5. Communist Front Organizations for Youth
6. Infiltration Techniques used by Communists
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9. Private Ownership under Socialism
10. How Communists use Negotiation as a means of furthering their Designs

IN LOUISIANA SCHOOLS

A First Year Report

of an Adventure in Public Education

nism had come after the Korean War, when revelations of brainwashing by the Chinese Communists showed how ill-prepared many Americans were when it came to understanding the enemy and the way he operates. In the intellectual wonderland of Marxist "philosophy" most Americans were lost. And the saddest part of all, Cadwallader thought, was that too many were also lost when it came to what their own country stood for.

When both the Louisiana Bar Association and The American Legion got behind the program of teaching American-

ism versus Communism, Cadwallader found many who felt just as he did. After this came several years of work contacting individual legislators.

One by one, support was lined up for legislative action which culminated in the unanimously-approved concurrent resolution in 1960. This resolution stated that the course was to "develop intelligent and aggressive opposition to communism and deep loyalty to our American political and economic system."

Now that we in the State Department of Education had been given the green light by the legislature, we worked day

and night to get the program underway.

There was not the usual time available to work out a complete program for the course in which each part could be carefully tested and tried before being put into general classroom use. A comprehensive and detailed bulletin was developed for the use of teachers. It thoroughly outlined the objectives of the six-week course and provided teachers with a great variety of ways they could go about accomplishing these goals.

Our bulletin clearly states the objective of the course and the philosophy behind it: "The central purpose of this unit on Americanism versus Communism is to alert the high school youth of Louisiana to the dangers of the communist conspiracy. If these dangers are identified and explained, it is believed that our youth will aggressively oppose all subversive attempts to destroy American democracy."

The rest was up to the teachers. It was felt that the teachers could be given a large degree of freedom in handling the course and then a later evaluation of their efforts would provide a good basis for improvements.

We hoped—and it proved to be true—
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By MARK WEST

THIS IS THE SHORT, illuminating story of a family that found out how to shop for money. It can mean dollars in the pocket for almost any of us who follow their education.

The William T. Taylors—Bill and Jean—regard themselves as pretty canny buyers. You couldn't sell Bill an inferior re-cap for his car. Jean would never come home with a basket of berries that contains mostly bad ones under the display layer on top.

Yet the Taylors had been buying their money without even knowing what it cost—until along came one of those pinches that beset most families from time to time. Nothing disastrous; simply a much-used automatic washer-dryer breaking down beyond the possibility of economical repair.

With a new baby in the house, Jean did not regard this device as dispensable. Meanwhile costs incidental to the arrival of that same baby had left the family checking account tattered.

The question, then, was how to pay for a new machine?

"We need credit of some kind to the tune of about \$400," was the way Bill put it. "I say we shop around until we find out who offers it cheapest."

By the following evening Bill had done some personal investigating and Jean had made several telephone calls.

"The obvious thing to do," Jean told Bill then, "is to buy the machine on time—and let the store supply the credit. We can take two years to pay for it if we make regular payments. Of course we'll have to pay a carrying charge, which is added to the price of the washer."

"How much?" Bill asked suspiciously.

"The girl in the credit department of our department store says they charge 1½ percent per month on their regular extended payment plan."

"Twelve times 1½ . . . that comes to 18 percent interest," Bill calculated.

"But we can buy on a contract instead. The girl said that was the usual way with bigger things like this. Then they charge you 8 percent if it's for one year and 15 percent if you spread the payments over 24 months. That doesn't sound so bad, does it?"

"Actually it's only a slight improvement. We'd be paying 8 or 15 percent of the whole amount, even though we would be paying it back all along. So in simple interest it is still about 15 percent. Well, 15 is better than 18."

"Yes, and the girl told me something else. This is called interest and the 1½ percent per month is called a service charge. As interest, the amount is deductible from income for tax purposes.



Shopping for MONEY

Borrowed money can vary in price, and can add considerably to the cost of the things you buy.

The other is not. Anyway, that's what she said."

"Well," Bill said, "what about buying from a mail-order house?"

"Their charges are stated right in the catalog," Jean said. "I figured out today what they amount to in simple interest. They come to about 15 to 16 percent, depending on whether the amount is at the top or bottom of a bracket."

"How's that?"

Jean produced a scrap of paper and consulted it.

"For instance, they make the same flat carrying charge for any amount from \$280.01 to \$300. From \$300.01 to \$320 they charge \$3 more. Suppose we are buying something that comes to \$300.20 after the normal down payment. We'll be paying \$3 for 19 cents of credit. See?"

"Finally, yes," said Bill. "All we have to do to save three bucks is put up a



The Taylors found that the store offering credit had two interest rates.

couple of extra dimes when we order."

"I think it's a cute way to drop the interest rate from 16 percent to 15," said Jean. "Now, what did you find out?"

"I started at a small-loan company," said Bill. "Since I have a salary coming in, they'll gladly lend us the money. But they get 2 to 2½ percent per month on amounts this size. It doesn't take long to see that this is 24 to 30 percent interest. I don't think their loans are intended for purchases like this anyway."

"Where else did you go?"



When pushed, the bank manager told them of other plans at lower rates.

"Just to our bank," Bill said. "And that was confusing enough for a while. As you shall see. . ."

Now it was Bill's turn to dig out a bit of paper and spread it before them.

"If we are buying from an appliance dealer that works through our bank, we can either finance the deal through him or directly with the bank. Either way we pay according to his normal arrangement, which is a 10 percent one. And I mean 10 percent of the amount per year. According to a chart I looked up, this really amounts to 18 percent interest."

"That's no great bargain," said Jean.

"I said that, too, and even the bank manager agreed. Then, when I pushed him a bit, he told me that they had other plans of the same kind at lower rates."

"You mean that how much you pay depends on how hard you bargain?" Jean asked. "It's that way with money the



Bill started with a small-loan company, which was glad to lend him money.

same as with other things?"

"Seems to be. But you don't get the lower rate if you are buying from a dealer who handles his time payments through the bank. They don't want to undercut their own big customers, it seems."

"That figures. Well, this is a side issue at the moment, but I can't help wondering how many times in the past we've paid too much credit."

"I'd rather not think about that," Bill said with a sigh. "But I know this much. If our car weren't almost paid for I'd do something right now about the interest rate on that."

"We've been paying too much, I take it."

"You take it right. It seems that a dealer needs some good risks to balance his poorer ones. So the figure you get if you don't dick around can easily be 50 cents to a dollar a hundred more than you'd have to pay. I probably tossed away 50 bucks right there. Me. The smart guy who shopped every car dealer in the county for the best price and the biggest trade-in."

Bill slapped his forehead ruefully. "Furthermore, it's just our dumb good



A study of the mail-order catalog showed a variation in interest rates.

luck that we bought our house when mortgage money was cheap. The man at the bank mentioned something about that, too, in passing."

"You covered a lot of territory."

"Well, you now how it is. We got talking . . . Anyway, it seems that right in this town today you can pay anywhere from less than 6 to more than 7 percent interest on the same mortgage, depending on where you get it and how sharp you are. Even on a medium-priced house like ours the difference is a fierce amount — two to three thousand dollars over the life of the mortgage."

"Wow! Well, let's get back to the problem at hand — a mere washer-dryer. What happens if we buy from a department store or a mail-order house and want to use the bank's money?"

"We could bargain for the better rate then," Bill said. "Either 7 or 8 percent discounted — about 13 to 14½ percent real interest."

"Ummm," said Jean. "We're working our way down a little."

"Yes, and here's something else. It seems we can be regarded as established citizens since we have a good record at the bank and a substantial equity in our house."

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A Gallery of New Drivers



Millie was a willowy blonde who watched the foot pedals rather than the road ahead. We blazed interesting trails across suburbia's lawns.



Walter was a sensitive, apple-cheeked youth and I cried when he finished his lessons. My tears came from sheer joy of survival.



Granny Keef, a tiny thing, almost flunked the course. The last I heard from her she had just driven the Alcan Highway in Alaska, solo.



Mrs. Ruggles was a woman of keen reflexes but something caused her to panic. The car hurtled toward the crowded safety island.

They Drove Me Out of My Job!

If you think you have it tough, consider
the lot of the man who teaches people to drive.

By ROBERT SCOTT

WHAT IS IT LIKE to be a driving instructor? Like going over Niagara Falls in a big rubber ball, it's an experience you can never forget.

Long after I had been fired by Acme Driving School, I kept having this dream, night after night. I was an astronaut, strapped inside a space capsule 500 miles up. In the capsule with me, this crazy chimpanzee was running around loose. Each time I tried to guide the capsule gently down to earth, this chimp would leap all over the control panel, pressing buttons and pulling levers, and the capsule would roar off into space once more, end over end.

But the job seemed ordinary enough that first day. In the hushed grandeur of Acme's front office sat the usual Young Executive type, casual but serious, behind a big walnut desk.

"Mr. Scott," he said, "your test results show that you have the necessary physical and mental qualifications to be one of our driving instructors."

"My mother always said I had a lot of drive," I replied, laughing lightly.

The Young Exec strained for a smile, but it didn't quite come off. Then he leaned toward me, his voice and expression shifting into *CONFIDENTIAL*.

"But Mr. Scott, are you *temperamentally* suited for the job? That is the vital question."

"Sir," I declared, "I even taught my own wife to drive."

This time he not only smiled, he laughed, Out loud.

"We'll see, Mr. Scott, we'll see," he said.

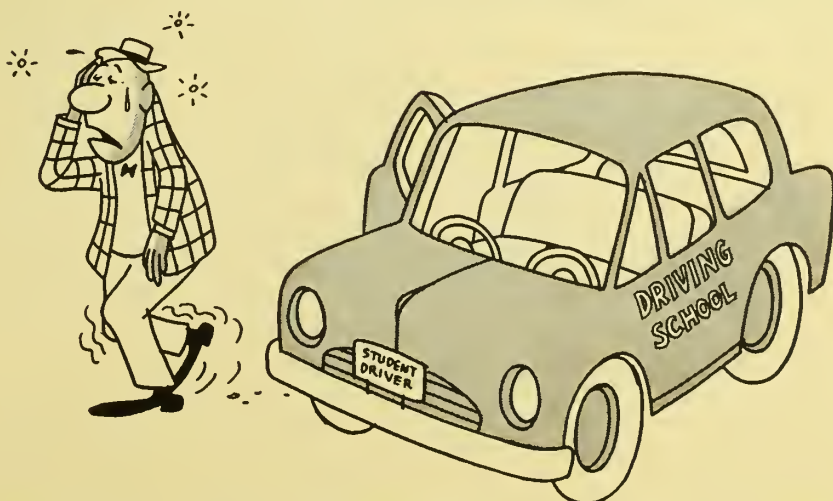
As I soon found out, there are certain subtle differences between teaching your

wife to drive and teaching someone else's wife. In the first place, the latter is paying for her lessons, so you just can't use the same intimate language you would employ with the *Frau*. Instead of screaming "brake, *brake*, BRAKE — damnit I said 'BRAKE' — are you deaf as well as dumb?" you must have a more detached, impersonal approach. "Mrs. Fogel" — (smile at her, modulate the voice) — "will you kindly apply the brake? We must stop when the light is red . . . no, Mrs. Fogel" — (keep smiling, keep the tension out of the voice) — "not the gas, the *brake*, please."

In the second place, your wife is predictable. Or, at least, she's predictably *unpredictable*. With another man's wife you just can't feel secure.

I learned this from one of my first students, a Mrs. Ruggles. She was the calm, confident, athletic type. The coordination

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I parked the car in a downtown lot and took a cab back to confer with the Young Exec.

of Sam Snead plus the eye of a frontier squirrel hunter. She already knew the mechanics of driving but wanted Acme to give her some experience in heavy traffic. We skipped the first few lessons. (They go from one through eight, with the earlier lessons pitched at the same level as an Army orientation lecture for basic trainees: ". . . this is called the ignition, and this is the key. With the thumb and index finger of the right hand you place the key . . ." etc.)

Mrs. Ruggles quickly adjusted to the city's heaviest traffic. By her third lesson she could have out-jockeyed the most nerveless New York cabbie in an obstacle race down Fifth Avenue. It was a pleasure to see her thread her way through the center of town, and I relaxed with a cigarette. Then it happened. At a raised safety island, dense with people waiting for a streetcar, Mrs. Ruggles suddenly panicked. As she ran the wheels up on the safety island, the crowd leaped, as one man, onto the car tracks to escape our sideswiping assault. I seized the wheel, guided the car back onto the fairway, stopped, and began to lecture my student. Then I felt a sudden sharp stab of pain in my thigh. Looking down I saw that, in the heat of the attack, the live end of my cigarette had dropped in my lap, burning a hole through my pants and into me.

That ended the lesson. Somewhat shaken, I asked Mrs. Ruggles to drive us back to the school. She did it — calmly, confidently, with the coordination of Sam Snead.

Another unforgettable student was Walter, a blue-eyed, apple-cheeked lad of 16. Walter's mother took me aside before his first lesson to warn me that I might have trouble. Walter was an over-protected child, she said. He was sensitive, poorly coordinated, and might
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Rod & Gun Club

FOR THE MAN WITH AN INTEREST IN THE GREAT OUTDOORS

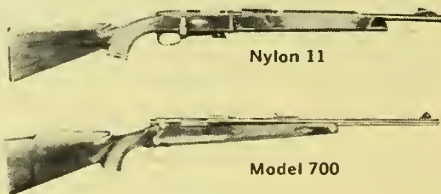
NEW FISHERMEN are given some sound advice by Judd Kirkman, of Raytown, Mo., who points out that all fresh water game fish see very well indeed. The clearer the water the better they see and therefore the longer and finer the leader should be. Also, the less hardware (snaps, swivels, sinkers, etc.) the better. Use the smallest hook you can get away with and keep the points sharp. Small sinkers and bobbers are best for wary fish. Fish quietly and slowly; set the hook firmly but gently.

THE PROBLEM of water-logged worms, which take on a limp, lifeless shape, is solved by Robert Ryall, of New Albany, Ind., by using rubbing alcohol. No, he does not massage the worms but merely gives them a dab of the liquid. "A small dab," he says, "and the fishing worm is wiggling left and right like he owned half the world." While Robert didn't say so, we assume that he could get similar results by using bourbon, scotch or rye.

FIREARMS ENTHUSIASTS will find Charles Edward Chapel's latest book "Guns of the Old West" fascinating reading. Mr. Chapel is one of the country's outstanding experts on new and old firearms. His "The Complete Book of Gun Collecting," and "The Gun Collector's Handbook of Values," have gone through numerous editions since they were first published more than two decades ago. Mr. Chapel's book about the guns of the old west, published by Coward-McCann, Inc., tells all about the firearms that opened the frontier and won the west, shoulder weapons and handguns, military and non-military. The handsomely illustrated volume sells for \$12.50. Incidentally, we expect to publish an article on gun collecting by Mr. Chapel in the near future.

A NEW ORGANIZATION "to foster in the American public a better understanding and a more active appreciation of all shooting sports" was recently established at a meeting in New York City after 18 months of preliminary studies. Called the National Shooting Sports Foundation, Inc., it is made up of "any and all companies, organizations, associations or people interested in the shooting sports. Executive Director is A. Robert Matt, and the Foundation's address is P.O. Box 355, Hartford, Conn. Further information concerning the NSSF may be obtained from Mr. Matt.

THE SHEEN that gut leaders acquire after several soakings in the water can be easily removed, says Wilfred E. Beaver, of Chicago, by allowing them to remain in a weak solution of coffee overnight. The liquid should be quite cool before using and by morning the leaders will have acquired the matt finish that helps to keep them invisible when in use.

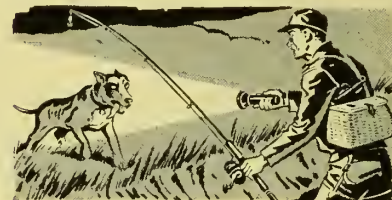


REMINGTON ARMS CO. has announced four new rifles and we predict you'll be hearing a great deal about them in the months to come. There are three new nylon models, a bolt action "Nylon 11," and "Nylon 12" and a new chrome and black colored version of the popular "Nylon 66" introduced in 1959. The "Nylon 11" is a completely newly designed bolt action .22 caliber rifle with box magazine, that will shoot short, long, and long rifle cartridges interchangeably. Said to be extremely accurate it retails for \$36.95. The "Nylon 12" is identical except that it has a tubular magazine, and it sells for \$39.95. The third Nylon Model, the "Apache Black" is a special "new look" version of the semi-automatic "66" with a black stock and chromium plated barrel and receiver. This retails for \$54.95.

In the center-fire field, Remington is offering a new Model 700 series replacing present Models 721, 722 and 725. Made with many custom features, the new rifle is available in two grades, 700 ADL De Luxe and 700 BDL Custom De Luxe. The ADL De Luxe Grade, with prices starting at \$114.95,

has such features as: a Monte Carlo comb and cheek piece; a full-cut checkered, specially designed pistol grip and a checkered fore-end. It is available in .222 Remington, .222 Remington Magnum, .243 Win., .264 Win. Magnum, 7 mm. Remington Magnum, .270 Win., .280 Remington, .308 Win., .30-06.

TIPS FOR SQUIRREL HUNTERS are provided by two different readers. The first, by Mrs. Stella Felts, of Joelton, Tenn., calls for a hickory nut. You sit against a big tree and scratch on the hickory nut for a few minutes. Then you stop as if listening. "Most of the time," says Mrs. Felts, "this will bring a squirrel your way." The other suggestion, from Greg Dougherty, of De Forest, Wisc., calls for a balloon. When you find a likely spot you blow up the balloon, remain quiet for a few moments, then run your hand roughly around the balloon. This, according to Greg, will produce a sound that will be too much for the squirrels' curiosity. Out they'll come.



AT NIGHT, when you are returning from hunting or fishing, it is annoying to be delayed by a strange, angry dog. You want to keep going and there is no desire to harm the barking canine. In this case, Ted Stokes, of Astoria, Ore., suggests that you wait until the animal gets close up, then aim a flashlight suddenly in the eyes of the dog. The unexpected burst of light "stops 'em cold." You can continue on your journey, and the dog is temporarily blinded—but not injured!

IT'S A CINCH to get cockle burrs out of a dog's hair, says Ambrose Buell, of Havre, Mont., if you first wet the animal. After that, a common wide tooth comb will do the trick, and there's no yanking or pulling.

LIGHTED FISHING LURES are illegal in several States, we are reminded by L. E. James, of Napa, Calif., who refers to an advertisement in this magazine featuring such lures. Quoting California fishing regulations he said: "Lights may be used when fishing at night when and where such fishing is permitted. Lights may not be used on or as part of any fishing tackle." As Mr. James points out, if you have any doubt on this score, you had better check with your local game warden or at least read your State fishing regulations.

If you have a helpful idea for this feature send it along. If we can use it we'll pay you \$5.00. However, we are unable to acknowledge contributions, return them or enter into correspondence concerning them. Address Outdoor Editor, *The American Legion Magazine*, 720 Fifth Ave., New York 19, N. Y.



A LUMP OF SUGAR tied to your fishing line will permit you to cast a nightcrawler a good distance, says George J. Bernas, of South Bend, Ind. The sugar dissolves soon after it hits the water, the worm sinks to the bottom, and you then reel in as slowly as you can.



A DIGEST OF EVENTS WHICH ARE OF PERSONAL INTEREST TO YOU

NO TAX ON PROCEEDS OF MATURED VA INSURANCE POLICIES:

Q. Recently you said that we don't have to report the proceeds of matured veterans insurance policies as taxable income...My endowment policy matured and I was told I had to report as taxable income the difference between what I paid in and what I got out...Can you back up your statement to the contrary?

A. If you are talking about a government veterans policy administered by the Veterans Administration, you do not have to report any part of the proceeds of the matured policy as taxable income.

If it was an Internal Revenue man who said you do, cite him Section 3101 of Title 38, U.S. Code and also Internal Revenue Service Accumulative Bulletin 1939-2...If it was anybody else, tell him to go fly a kite...However, when we say "veterans insurance" we mean government insurance, and not a policy with a commercial firm that happens to be held by a veteran...In such case the rule would be the same as for a non-veteran--and it's outside our field of expertizing.

VA HAS JOBS FOR RECREATION SPECIALISTS:

The VA seeks qualified hospital recreation specialists, to work in its hospitals in the U. S. and Puerto Rico...Salaries range from \$4,345 to \$7,560...They will conduct recreation activities of proven value in the rehabilitation of hospitalized veterans...Details in Civil Service announcement 272-B available at Postoffices and VA offices...Applicants may qualify on basis of certified training without written exam...Higher salaries are for those whose background includes previous recreation work with the ill or handicapped.

NO KOREA LAPEL BUTTON:

Q. Two symbols on your Newsletter heading are the WW1 and WW2 lapel buttons... Is the third (right hand) symbol a Korea lapel button?

A. No lapel button was ever designed specifically for Korea vets...The symbol we have used temporarily for our younger vets is--though inadequate for the purpose--the Army lapel button for Army service since 1946...We will soon have an adequate engraving of one side of the National Defense Medal...Though no lapel button, it is the one device common to Korea vets of all services.

N. Y. POLITICOS NIX KOREA BONUS:

N. Y. Governor Nelson Rockefeller advised a state Legion function on Feb. 20 that he and a majority in the state Legislature are against a proposed bill to provide a bonus for New York's Korea veterans, citing the cost...New York was one of the first states to pay a World War 2 bonus...Many states have paid no bonus to either WW2 or Korea vets, but New York is one of a few that paid WW2 but not Korea vets.

KOREA VETS WARNED OF GI EDUCATION TERMINAL DATES:

Veterans Administration warns Korea vets who are getting GI training to double-check the terminal date for VA assistance...Many Korea vets are nearing the deadline for completing their work and may need to take more courses to finish in time...No Korea vet can get VA educational aid later than eight years from the date of his separation from active duty, and Jan. 31, 1965 is the latest that any can continue training or courses under the Korea GI Bill...A vet separated from the military in 1955 has 1963 as his terminal date (eight years), and can't stretch it to the 1965 final closeout.

CONGRESSMEN DON'T NECESSARILY FAVOR BILLS THEY INTRODUCE:

Q. My Congressman introduced a bill that I don't like and didn't think he would sponsor...I gave him hell and he said he was against the bill!...What can one

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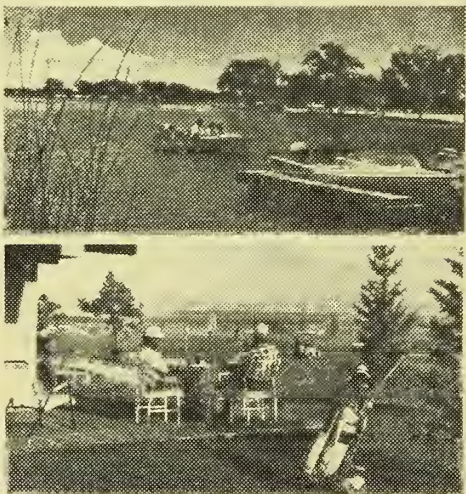
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VETERANS NEWSLETTER

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believe these days?

A. If he introduced it "by request" it doesn't prove a thing...It's part of an established policy of courtesy for Congressmen to introduce bills by request as a service to constituents or groups... The same Congressmen may be for, against or indifferent to bills thus introduced.

MORE VA INSURANCE TO BE HANDLED BY ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT:

The Veterans Administration plans to convert its insurance activities in Denver and St. Paul to automatic data processing, and to establish a new data processing center in Philadelphia to handle vets' insurance transactions...VA does not believe these innovations will slow down service during the changeover, as its earlier switches to automatic data processing did, because it will not throw "problem accounts" into the new electronic brain hoppers until they are functioning smoothly...Target date for the Denver changeover is next Oct. 1 (to start) and April 20, 1963 for completion...St. Paul targets are Dec. 1, 1962 and June 30, 1963.

OBFUSCATING, SI, GOBBLEDYGOOK, NO:

Q. As Departments of The American Legion are simply state organizations, why wasn't this made more readily understandable in the first place by simply calling them "States" instead of "Departments"?... Let's get rid of obfuscating gobbledygook.

A. They include all the state organizations, but not "simply" the state organizations...The word "state" would not apply to the Departments of:

Canada, District of Columbia, France, Italy, Mexico, Panama Canal Zone, Philippines, or Puerto Rico, nor--when the term "Department" was adopted--to Alaska or Hawaii.

Q. The Legion word "District" is more gobbledygook...Why not just call them Counties so everyone gets it?

A. You should sign up for the next class of the Legion Extension Institute, a correspondence course on intramural Legionism. (Membership Division, Nat'l Hq. PO Box 1055, Indianapolis 6, Indiana).

It is rare that a Legion District is exactly a county...A District is a level of organization bigger than the average-

sized Post, but smaller than a Department...Each Department creates (or doesn't create) Districts, according to what makes sense in its own territory.

Two Nebraska Districts are each comprised of but one huge Post (Lincoln and Omaha Posts)...Some Departments have both County and District organizations, some have only Counties, some have only Districts...Most Districts include several counties, some Counties include several Districts...Some Departments have no District or County Divisions because there's no need for them (such as D.C.)... These divisions all make good sense locally and the "confusion" is largely academic...Better to have Nevada create what it needs than to imitate the structure in New York for the sake of a misfit standardization...When the word "District" is used as a generalization by the national organization it is always an inexact term, and usually means the next level of organization above the local Post...Thus a national award for a District Commander would, in New Jersey, go to a County Commander--N. J. having no Districts.

INDIAN WAR VETS RANKS ARE THINNING:

There were still 29 living veterans of the Indian Wars on the rolls of the Veterans Administration as of Washington's Birthday, 1962, as well as 581 of their widows...The officially recognized Indian Wars began with the Pah-Ute Expedition (California) in April 1860, and ended with the Chippewa "Disturbances" at Leech Lake, Minn., in Oct. 1898...The 29 survivors, all in their 90's or over 100, include whites, Negroes and Indians who were among the original 106,000 who fought with the U. S. Army in the numerous Indian Wars.

WHAT ARE "NEED" AND ECONOMY?"

The VA recently abolished more than 160 local "contact officers" whose job was to assist veterans with possible claims...Reasons given: "no need" and "economy"...VA then undid the economy by creating more than 160 new jobs specifically to remind vets seeking hospital care of their possible ineligibility for it...A Congressional review of 19,000 VA hospital admissions last fall suggested that 4 of the 19,000 might have been ineligible...Service officers at the Legion winter conference were hopping mad at these notions of "need" and "economy."

APRIL 1962

Highlights of Winter Meet

More than 1,000 Legionnaires met in Washington, D.C. Feb. 26-March 2, for the 2nd Annual Nat'l Commander's Conference and the 39th Rehabilitation Conference. Many Legion groups developed policy and program studies, met with their lawmakers, got the last word on their specialties from top experts in and out of gov't. Here, and on the next page, are a few glimpses of the meetings.



President Kennedy pins on the Legion's Distinguished Service Medal, just received from Nat'l Cmdr. Chas. L. Bacon (cap). "Nobody has a better right to stand on this ground," the President told 1,000 Legionnaires gathered on the White House lawn for the ceremony. At right, immediate Past Nat'l Cmdr William R. Burke (Calif.)



Hearing room was packed as Nat'l Cmdr Bacon presented Legion's 1962 veterans' program to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the House of Representatives.



The Foreign Relations Commission was one of 7 major Commissions and many special Legion Committees meeting at the same time.



The Astronauts. America's three spacemen, fresh from Washington parade for Lt. Col. John Glenn, attended the opening Legion Conference, got Legion citations from Nat'l



Cmdr. Bacon. At left, Bacon presents earth-orbiter Glenn to the Conference. At right, Col. Glenn reaches across spaceman Capt. Virgil Grissom and Commander Alan Shepard, Jr. to shake hands with Mrs. Bacon.

Winter Meet (Cont'd)

State Legion leaders entertained their Congressmen at separate functions (some shown below), then Nat'l Cmdr Bacon held a reception for the whole Congress and Legion Conference that jammed the Statler's two biggest meeting halls.



First meeting of Legion's new Committee on Problems of Aging Veterans. L. to r. Chmn Jas. Doon (N.H.), J. Ross Foust (Pa.), Jos. Holzka (N.Y.), F. Clinton Knight (Va.), Milton Applebaum (Ill.)



Wisconsin. Dep't Cmdr Gil Stordock (left) and NECman Lloyd Berken (right) with Wisconsin Representatives William Van Pelt and Vernon Thompson at a Wisconsin reception.



Florida. Dep't Cmdr Sam McCollum (left) and NECman E. Meade Wilson (right) with Florida Senator Spessard Holland and Representative Bob Sikes, at a Florida Legion function.



Georgia. Legionnaires W. E. Harrell, A. V. Akin, and Dep't Cmdr Ben Chatfield with Georgia Representative John L. Pilcher and Senator Herman Talmadge (with plaques).



Idaho. Legionnaires Douglas Kramer, Austin West and Peter Wilson (from left) and Dudley Smith (right) with Idaho Senators Henry Dworshak and Frank Church.



Minnesota. State Cmdr George Abalan (white cap) and NECman Dan Foley (bow tie) chat with Minnesota Representatives Joseph Karth (left) and Walter Judd (right).



New York. Legionnaires Maurice Stember, N.Y. Adj. (left) and C. Howard Larsen, former Nat'l Sgt at Arms (right), pause to pose with N.Y. Representative Otis E. Pike.

Congressional leaders, agency heads, military experts joined in Legion panels all week. Below are a few who swapped notes with a score of Legion policy and study groups whose findings will make up later reports.



Sen. Carlson



Sen. Dodd



Sen. Symington



Gen. Darnell



Comm. Macy



VA's Gleason

Sen. Frank Carlson (Kans.); Sen. Thomas Dodd (Conn.) and Sen. Stuart Symington (Mo.) all conferred with the Legion Foreign Relations Commission on hot spots in the world and over it. Brig. Gen. Carl Darnell spoke to the

Nat'l Security Commission as part of a panel on Military Manpower, headed by Selective Service chief Gen. L. B. Hershey. John W. Macy, Jr., Chairman of the U.S. Civil Service Commission, was one of many who reviewed veterans'

employment with the Legion's Economic Commission. VA Administrator John S. Gleason, Jr., led off a series of panels of VA officials who met with Legion service officers all week, in the 39th Legion Rehabilitation Conference.



Andrew Gotesman and mother. . . . First operation OK.

The Legion's 19,000th Child

3-year-old Andrew Gotesman of Brooklyn, N. Y. is — in a very special sense—The American Legion's 19,000th child.

Sentenced to a medical death a year ago because of rare internal defects from birth, a new chance at life for the little boy loomed with news of a Chicago surgeon who had developed a technique for surgery on Andrew's complex defect.

But the multi-thousand dollar cost of surgery for a Brooklyn boy in Chicago's Children's Memorial Hospital was out of the question for Andrew's then-unemployed father, Army Air Force vet Jack Gotesman (3½ years duty in WW2).

The Gotesman's plight was published in the *New York Daily News*. Among those who read it was Mrs. Betty Murphy of Brooklyn who offered to, and did, pay the cost of travel to Chicago of Andrew and his mother, Betty Gotesman.

Others who read it included the members of the Kings County (Brooklyn) American Legion Child Welfare Com-

mittee. Under the 1961 chairman of that committee, Ray Wellington — New York insurance man and member of Kings Highway Post 1358 in Brooklyn—the Brooklyn American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary investigated the case, and then raised \$500 toward Andrew's operation.

Learning of the straits of the boy's family, the Chicago surgeon, Dr. Orvar Swenson, said he would do the surgery for nothing. But there loomed a hospital bill of more than \$1,400, far more than the \$500 raised by the Brooklyn Legion.

Wellington applied to the National American Legion for an additional \$500, the maximum direct aid that the Legion's national Child Welfare temporary emergency fund may provide.

When a Nat'l Legion Child Welfare check for \$500 went to the Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago, following a successful operation on Andrew, his case went into the permanent files as the 19,000th national American Legion direct-aid Child Welfare case since 1925, when the Legion national Endowment Fund was raised.

There is still more to pay on Andrew's first operation, and he will need more surgery in Chicago.

Little Andrew's father is working now, and he and Andrew's mother are

paying off the balance of the old hospital bill in installments. As for Andrew's future operations, the Gotesman's have found individuals and an organization who believe that "nobody is as tall as when he stoops to help a child."

That has been a creed of The American Legion not only for Case 19,000 but going all the way back before there was a Case 1.

The first case of direct aid on the National American Legion Child Welfare records was in 1925 — years after there had been local aid for children in dire need by Legion Posts. That first case began with a telegram in 1925 to Nat'l Hq from the Legion Adjutant of a western state:

SERVICE MAN WITH TWO CHILDREN MUST GO TO HOSPITAL. MOTHER DEAD. CHILDREN SHOULD GO UNCLE NEW YORK. NO (TRAVEL) FUNDS AVAILABLE HERE. CAN YOU HELP?

The Legion provided the travel funds and, said the April 30, 1926, issue of this magazine: ". . . a Legionnaire who was traveling to Chicago took the children that far. A child welfare worker of the Legion took them on to New York City. And when, after a few months, the father was restored to health by his hospital care, he went to his children and reestablished the home . . ."

That was 19,000 cases ago.

It was somewhat later that April was set aside in the Legion as Child Welfare Month, but now this April 1962 is the 24th observance of Child Welfare Month. It gives you and your Post members the opportunity to let your community know not only your interest in children, but the things that *your* Post has done in behalf of children.

If an unfortunate incident occurs in connection with your Post, you can bet it will make headlines, while the good that your Post has done for children — even as with the case of little Andrew Gotesman in Brooklyn — is apt to go unsung. By vigorously observing April as Child Welfare Month, your Post can help avoid the good being buried from sight.

In many April Child Welfare Month meetings throughout the nation you will hear the phrase "A Square Deal for Every Child." It is a phrase, theme and goal all rolled into one. It's as old as American Legion Child Welfare itself. Yet each year it may have a new meaning, and to different individuals it may have a different meaning.

For example, Mrs. H., of Mississippi, was left with two small children. She needed immediate help while she re-adjusted her life. A temporary nat'l Legion grant (of the same type as in Case



Wellington

19,000) was authorized for two months.

When the second check was mailed, the Mississippi Department Child Welfare Chairman returned it, stating: "Mrs. H. has found employment and will not need assistance at this time. She requested that I return the check so that you could use it for another family." No doubt Mrs. H. could have found good use for the small check. But to her a Square Deal for Every Child meant returning the check so that others, less fortunate, could be helped too.

Post 393, Edgar, Wisconsin, interprets a Square Deal for Every Child in a different manner. This past year the Post purchased \$1,000 worth of playground equipment for their local park, and put up a shelter house at a cost of an additional \$800.

Post 104, Vallejo, California, has donated 65 pints of blood to keep four children alive who have a blood disease. One child is in constant need of blood. It is hoped the other three may be cured. The Post has established relay teams to provide the blood continuously — and help assure a Square Deal for Every Child.

Babies who are born with the metabolic defect called Phenylketonuria may become mentally retarded beyond repair. In February, the U. S. Children's Bureau announced a new test devised by Dr. Robert Guthrie, which reportedly detects Phenylketonuria in the first few days of life. Once the fact is established, special diets can be started that stymie the defect and the mental retardation. Further development of Dr. Guthrie's work promises to strike another blow for a Square Deal for Every Child.

During March, at the Kent School of Social Work, University of Louisville, 30 of the nation's top experts in child welfare pooled their knowledge with the aim of finding new techniques in the care of young delinquents in supervised foster homes instead of overcrowded institutions. The workshop was carried on by a grant from the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation—in the hope that it too would contribute to the goal of a Square Deal for Every Child.

Harold Gibson, Chapter Chairman of March of Dimes in Forsyth County, N. C. writes to the Legion Nat'l Hq to say: "... I would like to thank The American Legion and also the Clyde Bolling Post 55 in Winston-Salem, N.C., for the excellent cooperation received during the 1962 New March of Dimes campaign.

"Our local Legion, Post 55, helped in three different ways: (1) Used the new dime boards for the Legion Post; (2) Helped in special events, (3)

Backed in general the New March of Dimes in the American way. Thank you and may God bless The American Legion..."

From these illustrations, it is obvious that a Square Deal for Every Child can mean the work of one person, or of a federal agency — the work of a local Post or a national foundation — it can benefit a single child or many children — it can treat ills or prevent them — it can cost much or little. Giving a Square Deal to Every Child is a goal guaranteed to keep the good your Post does from being buried.

Legion Membership

A Growing Boy

On February 1, The American Legion had 50,351 more members enrolled for 1962 than for 1961 on Feb. 1, a year ago.

A total of 40 of the 58 Departments were ahead of the previous year's total of the same date.

The two-millionth membership reported to National Hq came in 16 days earlier than last year. Mr. Two Million happened to be Charles J. White, of Post 4, Wichita, Kansas.

Final figures for 1961, as of the close of books on December 31, revealed that 38 Posts of The American Legion had more than 2,000 members at year's end. Altogether, the 38 Posts had a total of 117,408 members. Biggest, once again, was Leyden-Chiles-Wickersham Post 1, in Denver, Colo., with 8,996 members for 1961.

Other Posts over 5,000 were Lincoln Post 3, and Omaha Post 1, both in Nebraska (7,357 and 5,121 members respectively).

Three other Posts exceeded 4,000

members, and seven more were over 3,000.

Pennsylvania and Illinois each had five Posts over 2,000. Tennessee had four.

The Departments of Mexico, Minnesota and Italy all finished 1961 with more members than in any year since the Legion was founded in 1919.

When it comes to Sons of The American Legion growth, Ohio walked off with the Arthur D. Houghton Trophy for a gain of 156.04% in its SAL membership for 1961.

The big boost in current Legion membership is credited largely to the fine work of District and County organizations, according to National Commander Charles L. Bacon. Commander Bacon has issued special awards for District Commanders whose districts led all others in their Departments in 1962 membership on Dec. 31.

It's a neat trick to have 100% of your District's previous full-year membership enrolled by Jan. 1 of a new year, but four of the Districts honored by the National Commander did just that, while eight more were over 90%.

The 100% Districts were the 2nd District of Louisiana (Richard Haydel, Commander), 100.89%; the 12th District of North Carolina (John E. Barkley, Commander), 112%; the 5th District of South Carolina (Marcus T. Smith, Commander), 106.3% and the 9th District of Utah (Jay Fitzgerald, Commander), 103.1%.

Reminder

Just in case, may we remind you that it isn't too soon to be whipping up Poppy plans and ditto for Memorial Day grave decorations? May 30 gets closer each day.

HALF DOZEN LEGIONNAIRE BROTHERS

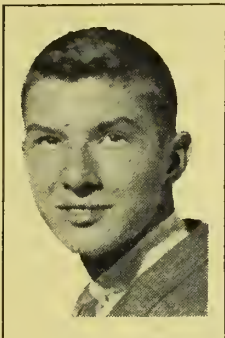


Six Aronen brothers line up to receive their 1962 American Legion membership cards in Post 239, Virginia, Minnesota, from Post Commander A. N. Wahlsten, left. The brothers are Bill, Larry, John, Hugo, Robert and Walter. First three were in the Army in WW2, Hugo in the Navy. Robert and Walter were with the Air Force during the Korean War.

Ohio Youth Missing

Have You Seen Him?

Avon Lake, Ohio, police are trying to help Legionnaire Robert Crawford to locate his 15-year-old son, Bruce Crawford, mysteriously missing since last September 23. His height 5'9"; hair brown, eyes brown. He has a hairline scar over the bridge of his nose, and wore braces on his lower teeth when he disappeared from his home. If you have any information, ask your local police to notify Police Dep't, Avon Lake, Ohio.



PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Bernard A. Nolen, Jr., named an Assistant Director of the Legion's Nat'l Rehabilitation Commission in Washington.

Percy A. Lemoine (La.) named to a citizens Committee to plan celebration of 50th anniversary of U. S. Children's Bureau. Lemoine is Chmn of the nat' American Legion Child Welfare Commission.

George B. French (Connecticut) elected President of the American Legion Service Officers Association. **Joseph Briones** (Alaska) named Vice President.

DIED

Earl Sylvester, Department Commander of the Delaware American Legion in 1925-26.

Frank G. Ward, in Kansas City, Mo. He was a delegate to the Paris Caucus of The American Legion in 1919.

George Freedman, Maine's alternate on The American Legion National Executive Committee.

Donald G. Nutter, Legionnaire Governor of Montana, in an airplane crash.

William G. Murdock, at Milton, Pa. He was Commander of the Pennsylvania American Legion in 1919.

Harry W. Forrest, 1945-46 Commander of the Colorado American Legion, in Denver.

Ben W. Weir, Dep't Cmdr of the Kansas American Legion (1943-44); on Dec. 28, 1961, in Grove, Okla.

BRIEFLY NOTED

Dates for all of The American Legion Boys States for 1962 have been set, as have all the sites except New Hampshire's. First will be Panama's, April 13-19, at Fort Kobbie, Canal Zone. Louisiana and Montana will hold theirs in August. All others will be in June.

Rhode Island news media were honored —by the R. I. American Legion at an appreciation dinner recently—for their coverage of Legion affairs.

The annual spring meeting of the American Legion National Executive Committee has been scheduled for May 2 and 3, at Indianapolis, Ind., Nat'l Hq.

Nat'l Cmdr Bacon has hailed the U. S. trade embargo action against Cuba, and recent OAS action against the Castro gov't. Both steps jibed with recommendations of the 1961 American Legion Nat'l Convention.

April 25-May 9 is national Mental Health Week.

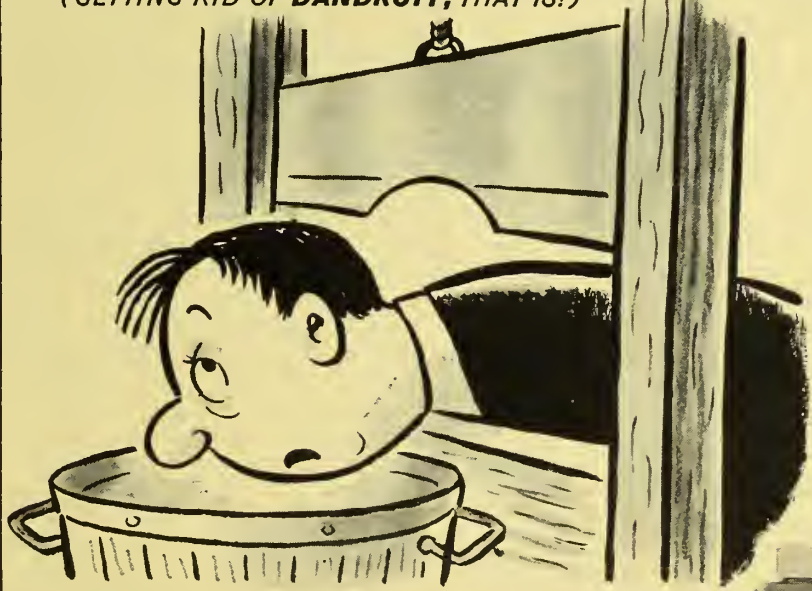
"If Lincoln were alive today, he would say the world can not endure permanently half slave and half free," said Nat'l Cmdr Charles L. Bacon in his Lincoln Day address at Abraham Lincoln's tomb in Springfield, Ill., on Feb. 12.

The 13th annual Armed Forces Day will be observed by the Military Services on Saturday May 19. Military Posts at home and abroad will hold open house for the public, and as in the past, American Legion Posts will help coordinate many community observances. Armed Forces Day slogan continues to be "Power for Peace." Legion Posts near military installations would do well to contact commanding officers now to offer their assistance in the observances.

Astronaut John H. Glenn, Jr., and his wife and his parents were sent congratulatory messages by Nat'l Commander Bacon for The American Legion immediately upon Lt. Col. Glenn's 3-orbit circuit of the globe on Feb. 20.

Three retiring members of the VA insurance Division have received American Legion certificates of appreciation
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POSTS IN ACTION

Items from our nearly 17,000 posts. Those of most general interest and widest geographical spread are selected, with apologies for the hundreds of others so kindly reported to the editors from all sources

Put It Up — You can't enjoy the bar in Post 937, Smithton, Ill., come January, without doing a stint for humanity too. Customers are expected to pin \$1 for the March of Dimes on a "clothesline" hung behind the bar. When January ended this year, the 117 members and their guests had \$142 hanging on the line. It's a good-humored annual affair, called putting "The Buck on the Line."

Spelling It Out — Post 41, Phoenix, Ariz., put heat on its 1,000 members to support a whopping fund-drive and benefit dance to finance its Child Welfare activities for the whole year. To justify the heat, the Post spelled out major local programs the \$\$\$ would support. They included five athletic teams; Boys State sponsorship; donations to specific charities; food, clothing and medical aid to needy children; anti-delinquency work; and something new — high school scholarships, to help prevent high-school drop-outs where family finances are a cause.

Long in Harness—Joesph D. Walsh, on Feb. 15, completed his 40th straight year as Adjutant of Post 3, Germantown, Pa. He took the job "temporarily" on Feb. 15, 1922.

Legion Scubas — Six members of the underwater skin-diving rescue team of Post 1, Atlanta, Ga., recently searched a full day in near-freezing, 100-foot water for two missing fishermen.

Big Santa — In its annual "Gifts for Yanks" program, Post 278, Warren, Ohio delivered 2,364 gift packages to hospitalized veterans.

Wheels for Sport — Five special wheel-chairs, in which physically handicapped students may play basketball have been given to Widney Hi School Valley Branch by Anneheuser-Busch Post 843, Van Nuys, California.

Let There Be Light—The small community of Lawrenceville, W. Va., had no street lights until recently, when Post 163, Chester, installed lights on the four principal streets at its expense.

Briefly Noted

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from Nat'l Rehab Director John J. Corcoran. They are: George Milligan, (35 years with the VA), George L. McGurn and Earl C. Petty (both over 40 years with the VA).

The New Jersey American Legion held its 18th annual breakfast for New Jersey members of Congress at the Congressional Hotel in Washington, Feb. 1. N. J. Legion officials reviewed the problems



A visit to Puerto Rico. Nat'l Commander and Mrs. Charles L. Bacon being received at Ponce, Puerto Rico during a midwinter official visit to The American Legion Department of Puerto Rico. At right, Juan H. Cintron, Commander of Post 56, Ponce, and a member of the Legion's national Foreign Relations Commission.

of veterans with their legislators.

Nat'l Commander Bacon scheduled an official visit to the Legion in Hawaii and the Philippines, for March 25 to April 2.

The Indiana American Legion joined 18 other organizations in conducting a public Cold War Strategy seminar in Indianapolis on Feb. 22. Leaders in education, religion, business and the professions led the seminar.

The Wisconsin American Legion has discontinued its Emblem Sales Division and Wisconsin Legionnaires will henceforth procure their Legion insignia from the National Emblem Sales Division at Indianapolis Nat'l Hq., except for insignia peculiar to Wisconsin.

One Legion program that is very much alive in some areas and in decay in others is keeping of records of the location of all local veterans' graves, which is properly done by a Post Graves Registration and Memorial Committee. If

your Post lacks such a committee, or its records haven't been updated, it's a project calling for new action. No local Chowder & Marching Society is apt to do this job for you.

Spoof Dep't. A so-called basketball game was played in McCook City, Nebraska, recently between The American Legion Sissies and the VFW Showoffs, with the Sissies in dresses and the Showoffs in red flannel underwear. What actually happened defies description as 31 "players" made like the 3-stooges. The *Nebraska Legionnaire* got so involved trying to explain what happened that it forgot to say why. We suppose it was to raise funds for some worthy cause, and we'll bet that it did.

Draft registrants now have a new draft classification—Class 1-Y. It identifies registrants not qualified for present draft calls but who would qualify for military service in an emergency.

106 people turned out for a banquet in Gorham, Me., as Post 60 gave Legion Heroism Medals to Philip Loura, 14, and John True, Jr., 15, for rescuing two young girls who fell through ice while skating.

Post 15, Wabash, Ind., gave the Legion Heroism Medal to member Hugh Brinson, WW2 vet. He went into a house so engulfed in flame that firemen believed it impossible to enter, and saved a three-year-old child.

Best Cubs—The N. Y. American Legion award for the best Legion-sponsored Cub Scout Pack in New York State has gone to Post 215, Pawling, N.Y. Its 81-boy, 9-Den Pack has 25 adult leaders.

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

The citation of an individual Legionnaire to life membership in his Post is a testimonial by those who know him best that he has served The American Legion well.

Below are listed some of the previously unpublished life memberships that have been reported to the editors. They are arranged by States or Depts.

Leonard F. Dauwalter (1961), Post 15, Winslow, Ariz.

Harry R. Loosley (1961), Post 39, Sebastopol, Calif.

Woo Quong Fook (1961), Post 121, Watsonville, Calif.

Gleun De Poy (1959) and W. F. Trapp (1960), Post 422, Rialto, Calif.

Harry Wallace Stacey and Lulu Mae Stacey (both 1958), Post 469, Yucca Valley, Calif.

Wilbur Erickson and Ahner Farrow and S. A. Garnett and M. T. Hancock (all 1961), Post 53, Monte Vista, Colo.

Edward H. Lynch, Jr. (1961), Post 1, Waterbury, Conn.

Fred J. C. Ensworth (1961), Post 6, New Britain, Conn.

Adolph Carlson and Nathan Grower and Stephen Hazelwood and Goren Johnson (all 1961), Post 105, Cromwell, Conn.

Cyrus W. Palmore (1961), Post 8, Munich, Germany.

Theodore J. Herzog (1960), Post 47, Chicago, Ill.

John Howe (1961), Post 277, Auburn, Ill.

Elmer Anderson and Ray Clary and Milton Dean (all 1961), Post 640, Liberty, Ill.
 Nate Feingold (1961), Post 827, Chicago, Ill.
 Harry Husmann and Lester G. Rasmussen and Harold J. Ryder (all 1961), Post 1079, Albany, Ill.
 John D. Fuller and Clinton Straus (both 1947) and Reed Beard (1961), Post 33, Bedford, Ind.
 Harold Brownell and Ralph Nash and Harold Strickland (all 1961), Post 101, Lowell, Ind.
 Harold E. Cadd, Sr. (1961), Post 11, Jefferson, Iowa.
 John W. Downey and Murry Figg and Fred Holmes (all 1962), Post 27, Muscatine, Iowa.
 Mary J. Malloy (1961), Post 239, Gilmore City, Iowa.
 Edward E. Powers (1961), Post 23, Leavenworth, Kans.
 Louis Balkan (1961), Post 57, Old Orchard Beach, Maine.
 Henry Cleyette and Alex J. Landry (both 1961), Post 80, Millinocket, Maine.
 Francis X. Falsvey (1962), Post 168, Thurmont, Md.
 Harvey Gortner (1962), Post 214, Grantsville, Md.
 Carl L. Armentrout and Edwin T. Clarke and Albert H. Lewis (all 1962), Post 261, White Oak, Md.
 Peter R. Stephens (1961), Post 94, Boston, Mass.
 George Perrault (1960) and George Jeffers (1951), Post 266, Granby, Mass.
 John J. Fortsch (1962), Post 344, Hatfield, Mass.
 John A. Delaney and Patsy DeMilia and Freeman Lucas and James F. Lucas (all 1961), Post 442, Cambridge, Mass.
 Matthew K. Guvine (1961), Post 318, Detroit, Mich.
 Emmette Harrell (1961), Post 94, Troy, Mo.
 Gilbert W. Gausse (1961), Post 111, Custer, Mont.
 Theodore Pringos and Wilfred Rennett and John Seely and Emraett Van Auker (all 1961), Post 86, Newton, N. J.
 Elmer Munk (1961), Post 31, Little Falls, N.Y.
 Paul W. Dowdell (1961), Post 90, Mamaroneck, N.Y.
 Myron Caruso and Arthur Forster and Alfred W. Giebel and F. William Kemm, Jr. (all 1961), Post 104, Glendale, N.Y.
 Harry House and Frank Hughes (both 1961), Post 157, Brooklyn, N.Y.
 James Delfino and Richard C. Williams (both 1961), Post 1035, Watervliet, N.Y.
 Chester Keney and Karl Bartholomay (both 1961), Post 1151, Henrietta, N.Y.
 James M. Alexander (1961), Post 1341, Sonyea, N.Y.
 Marion Rich (1961), Post 1430, Marion, N.Y.
 Clarence W. Reaves (1961), Post 1700, West Endicott, N.Y.
 Harry M. Hunke, Sr. (1961), Post 40, Mandan, N. Dak.
 Willis W. Tennyson (1960) and Jack McTague and Johnnie L. Minzes (both 1961), Post 65, Ardmore, Okla.
 Arthur R. Stewart (1962), Post 140, Greenville, Pa.
 Rudolph Alletag and LeRoy M. Knowles (both 1961), Post 241, Philadelphia, Pa.
 Homer J. Ross (1945) and Robert S. Orr and Wilbur E. Wilson (both 1954) and David E. McJunkin (1956), Post 295, Brownsville, Pa.
 William M. Fahnestock (1961), Post 340, Duncannon, Pa.
 Allen R. Fritz (1961), Post 378, Bangor, Pa.
 John C. Rees (1961), Post 404, Elizabethville, Pa.
 Albert Bangor and Joseph F. Morell (both 1961), Post 498, Rochester, Pa.
 Thomas Muldowney and C. Eugene Murphy and Joseph Phillips and John Radzевич (all 1960), Post 544, Minersville, Pa.
 H. Robert Guss (1961), Post 777, Crum Lynne, Pa.
 Harry Chapin and John Melvin (both 1961), Post 834, Fallsington, Pa.
 Walter R. Turbeville (1961), Post 86, Columbia, S. C.
 Clifford R. Paxton (1958) and G. N. Rodesney and J. W. Spangler (both 1961), Post 416, Houston, Tex.
 Quinn Plowman (1961), Post 58, Smithfield, Utah.
 Joseph Jelinski and John Shea, Sr. (both 1961), Post 58, Hurley, Wis.
 Fred R. Schimmel (1959) and Oscar R. Kinkle and Paul H. Vogeler (both 1961), Post 203, Milwaukee, Wis.

Post Commanders or Adjutants are asked to report life membership awards to "Life Memberships," The American Legion Magazine, 720 5th Ave., New York 19, N.Y. Post number, location and date of award is requested in all cases and current membership card number when possible. Receipt of names cannot be acknowledged.
 Life Memberships in Maryland, Ohio and West Virginia are only accepted if received via the Department Adjutant, in conformity with state Legion policy.

Legion Baseball Today — and Yesterday

Early reports indicate that a record number of American boys will play on American Legion Baseball teams sponsored by local American Legion Posts this summer.

Thousands of Legionnaires are well along in their preliminary plans for the 37th season of competition, which will terminate in the annual Little World Series at Bismarck, North Dakota, from Aug. 28 to Sept. 3.

For example, Post 96, Lima, Ohio, had a sports banquet in January, and a two-day baseball clinic in February, with big-leaguers on hand to teach, and youngsters from Little League as well as American Legion Baseball teams to learn.

Several rule changes approved by the National Americanism Commission will be incorporated in the 1962 regulations when the first games are scheduled this summer. These, and clarifications of other rules, are included in the revised American Legion Baseball Handbook, now in the hands of State and Post Legion Baseball officials.

Boys born on or after Sept. 1, 1943 will be permitted to play. During 1961, some 18-year-old boys competed, but the addition of four more months eligibility this year allows all boys who will not be 19 until September to participate.

Where teams are recruited from more than one high school, the qualifying school-enrollment totals for each such school has been raised from 2,500 to 3,000 students in co-ed institutions, and from 1,250 to 1,500 pupils in all-make schools. Expanded school enrollments and the trend to consolidation of school districts were the factors that made this change advisable.

Department (state) champions will play in eight regional tournaments, and must be certified to Nat'l Hq. as Department Champions before midnight, Sunday, August 12.

Two teams have been placed in different regions from last year. Alaska's champion will play in Region 6, at Mandan, North Dakota. The Hawaiian champion will play in the Region 8 tourney at Las Vegas, New Mexico. Last year Alaska appeared at Bend, Oregon, in Region 8, and Hawaii played in Region 7, at Sheridan, Wyoming.

Here are the sites of the Regional Tournaments for 1962 (dates will be announced later). The winner of each to go to the finals at Bismarck, N. Dak.

Region 1. Champs of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont will play at Keene, New Hampshire.

Region 2. Champs of Delaware, D.C.,



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Maryland, New Jersey, New York and West Virginia will play at *College Park, Maryland*

Region 3. Champs of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia will play at *Colonial Heights, Virginia*.

Region 4. Champs of Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Panama Canal Zone, Tennessee and Texas will play at *Helena, Arkansas*.

Region 5. Champs of Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri and Ohio will play at *Murphysboro, Illinois*.

Region 6. Champs of Alaska, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin will play at *Mandan, North Dakota*.

Region 7. Champs of Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Oklahoma and Wyoming will play at *Altus, Oklahoma*.

Region 8. Champs of Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah and Washington will play at *Las Vegas, New Mexico*.

The *Sporting News* will carry four special editions throughout the summer high-lighting the doings of the Legion's young baseballers. This is in keeping with the established policy of "baseball's bible", as Publisher J. G. Taylor Spink's contribution to the development of youth baseball.

James J. Gruber, of Cincinnati, The American Legion Baseball Player of the Year in 1961, will be honored at the Baseball Hall of Fame at Cooperstown, N.Y. on July 23. Gruber's picture will also hang in the Hall of Fame throughout 1962. On July 23, he will participate in the ceremonies inducting Bob Feller — among others — into the permanent Baseball Hall of Fame. Feller is the first graduate of American Legion Baseball to be enshrined at Cooperstown. He played his Legion ball in Iowa, before becoming the greatest professional pitcher of his day.

The Real Test

Although hundreds of products of American Legion Baseball grace the winter rosters of major league teams, the Legion takes greater pride in the countless thousands of its present and former players who are making significant contributions to the welfare and growth of their communities, partly as a result of training and discipline they enjoyed under adult leadership on American Legion diamonds.

Recently, the 13 surviving members of the "boys" who won the national Legion title 34 years ago held a reunion in Oakland, California, with their old coach, Leroy B. Sharp.

A sensational boys' team from Oakland in 1928, they swept the first two games of the final contest against Wor-

cester, Mass., playing in Comiskey Park, Chicago. (Final was best-of-3-games then).

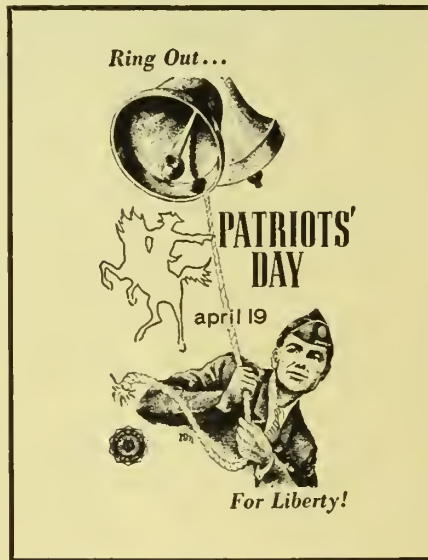
At their recent reunion the 1928 Champions resolved that they "wanted to thank The American Legion for creating the finest junior baseball program in the world," according to a letter to the *American Legion Magazine* from Warren Rouse.

Rouse, who pitched for Oakland's 1928 champs, served in a Tank Destroyer outfit in WW2 and is now a vice-president of Sayre and Toso, Inc., insurance underwriters.

Only one of that team moved on to big-time ball, left fielder Bud Hafey, who played on four major league teams. But all of his teammates of 1928 are, today a "solid group of fine American citizens," wrote Rouse.

Rouse said that "the success of the team, and the responsibility for molding a gang of kids into fine American citizens" was "due primarily" to the Legion program and the leadership of Coach Sharp.

Ring Bells Patriots Day



Above is The American Legion's pictorial symbol that calls for the ringing of church and school bells, chimes and carillons all across the nation for four minutes on April 19, to express what National Commander Charles L. Bacon calls "... a dramatic nationwide demonstration of America's devotion to freedom."

April 19 is the anniversary of Paul Revere's ride, cued by the flashing of signal lights in the Old North Church in Boston, which signalled the start of the American colonies' long fight for freedom from British rule.

A national "Bells Across the Nation" committee, chaired by Adm. Ar-

leigh A. Burke, USN (Ret) has been named to develop April 19 bell-ringing as a national custom. The 4-minute tolling in every American community is synchronized this April 19 for 1 p.m. (EST), 12 noon (CST), 11 a.m. (MST) and 10 a.m. (PST).

Perhaps your Post will invite your churches and schools to join in.

OUTFIT REUNIONS

Reunion will be held in month indicated. For particulars, write person whose address is given.

Notices accepted on official form only. For form send stamped, addressed return envelope to O. R. Form, American Legion Magazine, 720 Fifth Ave., New York 19, N.Y. Notices should be received at least four months before scheduled reunion.

Earliest submissions favored when volume of requests is too great to print all.

ARMY

- 1st Trng. Bn Replacement Gp. Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. (WW1) — (Aug.) A. R. Winkers, 1046 S. Pine Knoll Dr., Macon, Ga.
- 2nd Field Sig. Bn, 1st Div (WW1) — (June) — Jacc b Hoffman, 2517 — 3rd Ave., N. Great Falls, Mont.
- 5th Field Sig. Bn, 3rd Div (WW1) — (Sept.) — Fred N. Curry, 34551 Ave. B, Yucaipa, Calif.
- 9th Inf Div — (July) Dan Quinn, 412 Gregory Ave., Weehawken, N. J.
- 30th Inf Div (Old Hickory) — (July) Saul Solow, 42 Parkway Dr., Syosset, N.Y.
- 77th Field Art., Bat. D — (July) Jim Collins, N. W. Apts 3A, Corsicana, Texas.
- 79th Sig. Co., 79th Div. — (May) Louis R. Berke, Grant Town, W. Va.
- 94th Inf Div — (July) Roger H. Keith, 170 Hillberg Ave., Brockton 5, Mass.
- 102nd Inf Div — (July) Walter E. Brown, Jr., 857 Park Ave., Bound Brook, N. J.
- 111th Inf (Midwest Area) (WW2) — (Apr.) Ray Fossler, 710 John St., Belvidere, Ill.
- 113th Engrs Combat Bn, Co B — (July) Robert Lunsford, 25 Woodlawn Ave., Asheville, N. C.
- 145th Field Art. Bn (WW2) — (Aug.) Fred L. Lenwell, 528 — 14th St., Santa Monica, Calif.
- 145th Inf. Reg't, 37th Div Co E — (July) Carl E. Koppler, 626 Claremont Ave., Ashland, Ohio
- 196th Gen Hosp, France (1944-45) — (Aug.) Donald Maxwell, 6 North Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill.
- 331st Inf Regt, 83rd Div, Co I — (June) Willard Cornelius, Box 45, Williamsburg, Ky.
- 406th AAA Gun Bn., 367 Combat Engrs — (Aug) Norman F. Hedglin, 128 E. Pine St., Dunmore 12, Pa.
- 557th AAA Auto. Wpns Bn — (May) Carl N. Roth, 541 Elm St., Emmaus, Pa.
- 776th Tank Destroyer Bn — (July) Louis Pieper, R.R. #1, Van Horne, Iowa.
- Army Security Agency (Korea) — (July) J. Ronn De Laney, 11600 NE 6 Ave., Miami 38, Fla.

NAVY

- 3rd Marine Div. — (July) Harry W. Edwards, Rt. 1, Box 151, Oakton, Va.
- 7th Seabees — (July) David A. Rolla, R.D. #1, Mt. Pleasant, Pa.
- 16th Seabees — (Aug.) Arnold Siita, 1246 Addison St., Berkeley 2, Calif.
- 64th Seabees (WW2) — (Aug.) W. R. Brown, 1955 Wingfield Cir., Jackson 3, Miss.
- "P" Association, Navy Marine & Coast Guard Firefighters — (July) L. B. McGurk, 414 Woodlawn Ave., Streator, Ill.
- USS Chicago (WW1) — (April) J. B. Lancaster, 5051 Oxford Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.
- USS Elmore (APA 42) and USS Electra (AK 21) — (July) Hank Baldwin, 219 Burning Tree Rd., Timonium, Md.
- USS Leviathan (WW1) — (Apr.) R. L. Hedlander, Box 22, Greenwich, Conn.
- USS Niagara (WW1) — (Apr.) Joe Havender, Jr., 3686 Jerome Ave., New York 67, N.Y.
- USS Peifer (DE 588) — (July) Charles H. McFarland, 1945 Westburn Rd., Cleveland 12, Ohio.
- USS South Dakota (WW1) — (April) A. P. Powellson, 2022 N. Craig Ave., Altadena, Calif.
- USS Warren (APA 53) — (June) Allie Frank, PO Box 247, South Orange, N. J.

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- 10th Trp. Carrier Sqdn, 60th Trp. Carrier Grp — (Aug) John Diamantakos, 2837 25th St. West, Birmingham, Ala.

THE MYSTERY OF THE LOST PATROL

(Continued from page 13)

There was no oil slick, no wreckage, no clothing, no bodies, nothing. Six airplanes and 27 men had utterly vanished!

The Avengers, of course, were apt to sink quickly if forced to ditch in the sea, but it was highly unlikely that an escape could not have been enacted by at least some of the 14 men aboard, all of whom were well versed in sea-escape procedures.

The Martin aircraft was another matter. There was no reason at all why, even had it used all its fuel in the search, it could not have safely landed on the surface. An unusually mild sea was running all this time and there would have been no difficulty. Yet, the big plane with its 13 men, life rafts and other rescue equipment simply disappeared as did the Avengers.

An immediate investigation of the strange occurrence was made by the Navy. After exhaustive study of the entire incident, the Naval Board of Inquiry reported in detail all that had transpired and then summed up with this succinct phrase: "We are not able to even make a good guess as to what happened."

This was the beginning of the great mystery, but by no means the end of it. Just short of 26 months later — on January 29, 1948 — a similar incident occurred. This time it involved a commercial aircraft.

A huge four-engined *Star Tiger* airliner belonging to the British South American Airways Company and carrying 34 passengers plus six crew members was in the same general area en route to Kingston, Jamaica. At 10:30 p.m. it radioed the tower at Bermuda:

"We are on course 400 miles from Bermuda tower. The weather is excellent and the ship performing well. We should arrive Jamaica on schedule."

This was the last message ever received from the plane. The *Star Tiger* was never seen again, nor was any trace ever found indicating a crash into the sea or elsewhere. No wreckage, no oil slick, no debris. The big plane and its 40 occupants had vanished.

Just 12 days short of one year later — on January 17, 1949 — another BSAAC airliner became the eighth victim. This was the *Ariel*, sister ship to the *Star Tiger*, under the command of Captain J. C. McPhee. It carried seven crew members and 13 passengers.

The *Ariel* was carefully checked and fueled at Bermuda prior to its scheduled flight to Jamaica. As an added precaution, fuel for an extra ten hours of flight was put into the reserve tanks.

At 7:30 a.m. the passengers boarded and 15 minutes later the plane lifted gracefully from the runway into a brilliantly clear morning sky. Carefully

checked weather forecasts indicated no inclement weather in prospect. In fact, the weather could scarcely have been better for the flight.

At 8:25 a.m., Bermuda tower received its routine flight report from the airliner:

"This is Captain McPhee aboard the *Ariel* en route to Kingston, Jamaica, from Bermuda. We have reached cruising altitude. Fair weather. Expected time of arrival Kingston as scheduled."

The *Ariel* was neither heard from nor seen again. Once more the strange disappearance had occurred with no vestige left of debris or bodies.

In the early 1950's, according to Gilbert L. Carter, United States public relations manager of British Overseas Airways Corporation (BOAC), the firm of British South American Airways Company was absorbed by BOAC and all records pertaining to the disappearances of the *Star Tiger* and *Ariel* were turned over to the British Ministry of Aviation in London.

The Ministry of Aviation, of course, investigated the disappearance of these two planes quite as thoroughly as we had investigated the disappearance of our six military planes. The conclusions drawn by their Board of Inquiry were almost identical to those drawn by the U. S. Navy Board: that the planes had disappeared and were presumed lost at sea, although no actual substantiation of this was ever reported.

What is this strange phenomenon which occasionally envelops aircraft flying in the semitropical area? At this time no one can do more than speculate and, as might be expected, speculation has run rampant. Most pilots are aware that throughout the history of manned flight there have been cases when airplanes have vanished with no trace. Pilots dislike talking about these disappearances with outsiders and only reluctantly discuss them among themselves. Crashes they can understand and though they are frightening enough in themselves, the planes are still in evidence — or at least pieces of them are — to indicate what happened. But there is an element of deep-rooted, almost superstitious fear regarding the matter of airplanes simply disappearing, particularly in those incidents where it is virtually inconceivable that the plane or planes could have crashed without leaving behind some trace.

Commercial pilots unwilling to discuss the matter are even more unwilling to have their names connected with opinions regarding such disappearances. Yet, most of them have very strong opinions which are basically alike. In dozens of coffee-cup interviews, here's what a composite pilot—let's call him Captain Jimmy



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Drake — had to say on the subject:

"There are a great many things about this old world we don't know yet. Sometimes when you're way up there alone you get to thinking about it and you almost feel you don't have a right up there, knowing as little as you do about things. A lot of pilots have seen a lot of strange things they can't explain. If they attempt to talk about them or report them, it damages their reputations. More than one pilot has wished he'd kept quiet about what he saw."

He shook his head. "It's a sad state of affairs when you have to pretend you've seen nothing unusual when you've actually seen things that've raised your hair. Like these planes just vanishing, for instance. We know it's happened. That's something you can't ignore. Especially us. We also know it's altogether possible for planes to go down occasionally and be lost without any trace. It's possible, but not very likely. There's almost always some trace, some floating debris to show it went down.

"Then you get into something like this business off the Florida Coast where too damned many planes have disappeared and left no trace at all and you begin to wonder about it. The more you go over the details, the less possible it seems. I mean that they crashed. But when anyone asks you're just supposed to shake your head sadly and say they were lost at sea."

He looked up sharply. "Let me tell you something. There are plenty who don't believe it and who can't understand why it's considered such a loss of face to admit something has happened that we can't comprehend and have no control over. But, we just keep on flying and hope we won't be next for whatever it is."

One of the theories many of the pilots

toy with occasionally, Captain Drake told me, is that of an unstable aberration in the atmosphere.

"Hell," he snorted, "it's just about worth your license to talk about something like that, Aberration? What kind of an aberration? What is it, a hole in the sky that planes fly into and can't get out of? Something that drops them into the past or shoves them up into the future? Maybe something that throws them into another dimension? Brother, you start spouting stuff like that and you've had it! But they can't stop your *thinking* and before long you find yourself trying to analyze the whole thing coldly and without any bias and all of a sudden this aberration idea comes back and somehow it doesn't seem so weird after all."

He fiddled with the cup of coffee in front of him, turned it completely around in one direction and then all the way back.

"Look," Captain Drake said, "just a matter of months ago the Civil Aeronautics Board got hold of something no one can understand, even though there's a barrel of evidence to back it up. This guy, a private pilot in Ohio, was flying around through the clouds one day when all of a sudden he sees he's almost on top of another plane. He banks hard but his wing-tip still butts the other plane. Now, what is this plane? Well, it turns out to be an old canvas-and-wood strut-job obviously of pre-World War I vintage and the pilot is wearing one of those old leather flying hats and goggles. Our pilot loses sight of it right away in the clouds, so he heads for home and makes out a report. But there's no record anywhere of a plane like this flying around or even licensed and one certainly didn't crash.

"Then, a month or so later, a plane just like the old one he described is uncovered in a barn under a stack of hay

where it's been sitting for many years. Inside the pilot's pouch is a log book. In one of the last entries the pilot tells of encountering a weird silver aeroplane with which he collided, but not hard enough to do any damage. Apparently it scared hell out of him, though.

"Anyway, the old book is turned over to the CAB and they have the FBI or somebody run tests on it and, sure enough, the book's authentic and the entry is over 40 years old. Then they check the plane itself and it has a long scrape on one side where the pilot's entry says the other plane hit him. There are traces of paint and aluminum and when they're analyzed, they find it matches perfectly with the modern plane.

"Sure," he said, flicking his spoon with a finger, "it sounds crazy and smells like a hoax. But the pilot's a square guy and even though CAB thinks it's a hoax, they can't find any way to explain it or negate the evidence. So what're you supposed to think? Maybe this aberration theory isn't as far out as a lot of people would like to think."

The Civil Aeronautics Board is still attempting to unravel the mystery of this strange collision. The investigation thus far upholds the pilot's version. If it wasn't a hoax, then just what happened? Is this a part of the same mystery involving the Navy planes and the *Star Tiger* and *Ariel* disappearances?

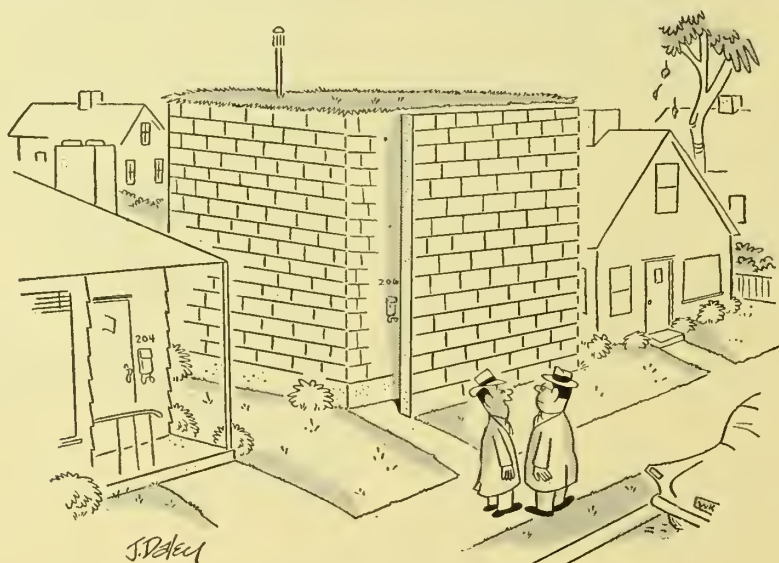
Officially, the Navy feels there is not enough evidence to support any such unlikely theory as an atmospheric aberration.

Last December, I received a letter from the office of the Chief of Naval Operations in Washington, D.C. As stated by Captain Ernest W. Humphrey, coordinator of Aviation Safety, the Navy's position is made clear:

"It is not felt," Captain Humphrey said, "that an atmospheric aberration exists in this area (off the Florida Coast) nor that one has existed in the past. Fleet aircraft carrier and patrol plane flight operations are conducted regularly in this same area without incident.

"I would hesitate to surmise at this late date," he said, "as to the probable cause or causes of an accident about which very little information is available. Strong westerly winds prevail in the wintertime over the Northern Hemisphere and the flight of aircraft may have proceeded further to sea than planned, having insufficient fuel to return. Radio communications equipment did not have the range of present day equipment and may have precluded communication of difficulties encountered. All of the foregoing is conjecture, however, and has no basis in fact."

Apparently at the time the Avengers and Martin flying boat were lost, scanty records were kept of the strange incident, despite the large-scale search instituted.



"The Devers built it round their house."

The record-keeping has improved with the years.

"All naval aircraft accidents are now thoroughly investigated," Captain Humphrey said, "both from an aviation safety viewpoint and in all instances wherein the death of naval personnel occurred, from a legal aspect. This policy of intensive accident investigation first came into being in 1953 and coincided with the establishment of the Naval Aviation Safety Center in Norfolk, Virginia.

"All existing accident records were gathered in Norfolk at that time, although records prior to 1946 are incomplete. The records of the disappearance of the TBM Avengers fall into this category."

On December 5, 1961—on the 16th anniversary of the day the six naval aircraft disappeared—Captain Humphrey put a period to the Navy's investigation with this comment:

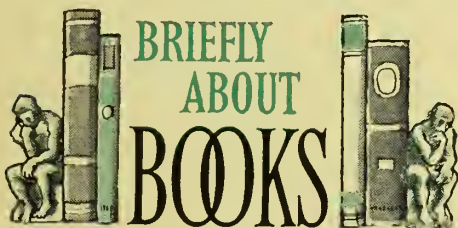
"No additional information or evidence has been uncovered since the disappearance of these aircraft which could shed more light upon the possible cause of their loss."

The fact remains that over a relatively small area of the Atlantic Ocean near Florida, a total of eight different aircraft disappeared without trace. All of these planes were piloted by expert airmen and had top-notch navigators. All had radios and sea survival equipment. All disappeared in perfectly clear weather, insofar as can be determined, and all but one disappeared in full daylight. What happened to them?

The situation remains one of the most intriguing and baffling mysteries in aviation history.

On Monday, January 8, 1962, a KB50 Air Force tanker under the command of Major Robert Tawney disappeared in like manner over the Atlantic. Weak, garbled radio signals were heard. The plane with nine men aboard was en route to the Azores from Langley Air Force Base, Virginia. The search was ended after more than 1,700 fruitless man hours of search without trace.

THE END



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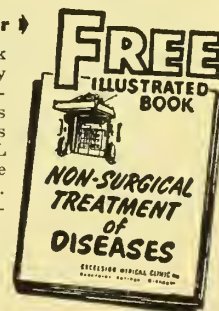
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SHOPPING FOR MONEY

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"That's nice to know . . . I guess."

"As such we probably can get a personal loan for enough to buy the washer. The gimmick in this is that we'd have to pay it back by the end of six months instead of taking a year or so. But the interest rate — a lovely 8 percent actual interest! Perhaps as low as 6½ or 7 if I argue a bit."

"Who'd ever think you could argue with a bank and come out ahead? That must be rock bottom," remarked Jean.

"It is, for us. If we could put up some collateral — good bonds or something like that — we could carve the rate down even lower. Even 5 percent might be possible. But we don't have any stocks or bonds to put up."

"Some people borrow on insurance policies. What about us? Could we do it?"

"The man at the bank mentioned that, too," Bill said. "I've been meaning to look at our policy and see where we stand."

Jean rummaged through the contents of the metal lockbox kept in one drawer of their desk. She took out the policy on Bill's life and unfolded it.

"Here it is," she said. "The cash value is nearly a thousand dollars, which is how much it says we can borrow on it from the insurance company. The rate is given at 4.8 percent. Now how about that! And we don't have to pay it back at any particular time. We just keep up the interest or let the company add it to the loan."

"They tell me that's the trouble with insurance loans," Bill said. "Since they don't have to be paid off, most people

just let them run on. And you know how we are. . . ."

"I'm afraid you're right," Jean agreed. "It's good to know we have this in reserve. But I vote that we don't touch it unless we have a *real* emergency."

"Amen," said Bill. "Another thing the fellow told me is that we can put up the policy as security for a loan at the bank. That's called hypothecating it. We could cut the interest rate a bit by doing that. But since they've already offered us a loan and pretty reasonable interest without security, maybe we should keep this possibility in reserve too. It would be the thing to do, though, if the bank weren't prepared to treat us as a very good risk."

While Bill made some quick calculations on his piece of paper, Jean pondered the situation.

"It will be a strain to pay for the washer in six months," she said finally. "Will we save much if we do that?"

"Just a sec," said Bill. He scribbled a bit more, then looked up.

"Figure the washer will cost around 400 bucks," he said. "That's after the down payment, which the law says has to be at least \$10.

"Buying on a two-year basis the credit charge will be \$64 from the mail-order house or \$60 from the department store. That's not much more than half what it would cost to borrow the money from a loan company — at least in this state. . . ."

"If we finance it through the bank by their standard equipment loan plan it will come to \$72. But we can get their \$7-per-\$100 rate, which would cut it to \$56. . . ."

"Where we can really save is by taking a personal loan for the amount. That way we can make our good credit standing pay off even though we don't have any collateral to put up. We'll be paying only 7 percent simple interest instead of double that rate—as we would be with any other arrangement. And since the period is six months instead of 24, the total cost to us will be only \$7."

"Wow!" said Jean. "Seven dollars instead of 60! That sounds so good that I wonder if there's a catch in it."

"One catch is that you have to know about it and argue for the arrangement," her husband said. "The man at the bank admitted he'd rather sell the regular equipment loan plan. That's the one the bank makes real money on."

"You can't blame them for pushing their higher-priced merchandise," Jean said. "But there's no reason for us not to insist on the economy model if that's what we want—in credit as well as in the appliance itself."

"Personal loans at our bank are also subject to a \$5 minimum charge," Bill added. "That doesn't make any difference to us, since we'll be paying \$7 anyway. But if we wanted a smaller amount of money or wanted it for just a couple of months, the minimum would have the effect of a higher interest rate."

"Six months is cutting it a little fine," Jean said once more. Then she added: "I've thought of a way to stretch the six months to nearly eight, and it won't cost us a cent more in interest."

"Say on," Bill urged.

"Why don't we buy the machine on our regular charge account? The one where we pay up each month when the bill comes. If we make the purchase right after the billing date for our account we won't even *get* a bill for a month. And then we'll still have a couple of weeks before we have to pay it."

"That *is* an idea," said Bill. "To be safe I'll arrange for the loan now, but we won't actually take it till we have to pay for the washer."

"If this were October or November we could stretch our payments even further at no cost," Jean said. "Many department stores and mail-order houses have special schemes to encourage very early Christmas shopping. We could buy in October and not pay till January, or even February at some stores."

"You're getting shrewder by the minute."

"We'll save a lot, won't we?" asked Jean. "Seven dollars spent for credit instead of \$60 or more! Why with the difference I could buy—"

"Down, girl!" said Bill hastily. "We started this scheming to *save* money. Remember?"

THE END



"Bald headed men have to pay full price for a haircut — right?"



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cause he was an extremist—for principle. The men who defended the Alamo could have withdrawn or surrendered, but they chose to stand and die. Their extremism lighted a torch which won the Southwest. Abraham Lincoln could have compromised with the South. There were great pressures to do exactly this. He refused, because he too was an extremist, for principle. And the men who painted mother earth red with their blood at Chateau-Thierry, Iwo Jima, and Normandy were extremists. They had to be, to overcome the extremism of dedicated and purposeful enemies. Take your stand now—while you still have a choice!

KENNETH L. MYERS,
Wichita, Kans.

LITHUANIA'S PLIGHT

SIR: The December issue carried an article "Food Is a Weapon," and Lithuania was mentioned as one of the countries which had produced enough food for her people as well as enough to export to other countries. Now there is a terrific shortage of food there. I wish to thank you for the mention of Lithuania in the article.

DOROTHY DUTKUS,
Maywood, N. J.

CONTRIBUTION

SIR: National Commander Bacon's feature article "How to Build Tomorrow's America" in the February issue of *The American Legion Magazine* is one of the finest portrayals of an organization's youth programs that I have seen. I hope that every Legionnaire will read it carefully. They can be justly proud of the great contribution that The American Legion is making to America through its youth activity programs. Scouting is proud to be a part of it.

C. M. TRIBUR, Director
Civic Relationships Service
Boy Scouts of America
New Brunswick, N.J.

SAD AND TRUE

SIR: A salute to John J. Karch on his article "How the Soviet Union Exploits Sports," in the February issue. It is all too sad and true. In my travels with the military all over the world, I too often heard snide reference to "soft" Americans. The galling thing is not the truth of the matter or the lack of understanding of the matter,

but that the U.S.I.A. would consider censoring such a fine article.

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WARNING

SIR: There is underway at the present time a movement, pacifist inspired, that should engage the wary attention of all Legionnaires. It is called the Womens' Strike for Peace, and has the backing of our old friends, the Womens' International League for Peace and Freedom and Philadelphia area Quakers. There appears to be an organized letter-writing campaign, directed at our legislators, and there is danger that they may convince some that the letter writers represent more than a tiny minority of our people. Underlying all their fine, idealistic words is one purpose—to persuade the United States to undertake unilateral disarmament and especially to forego any further nuclear testing. Needless to say, this is the sort of thing that will have the enthusiastic backing of the communists. The antidote is for us to start letter-writing too, to our Senators and to our Congressmen, to our newspapers, and to any other media of public information to set the record straight. And the time to do this is now.

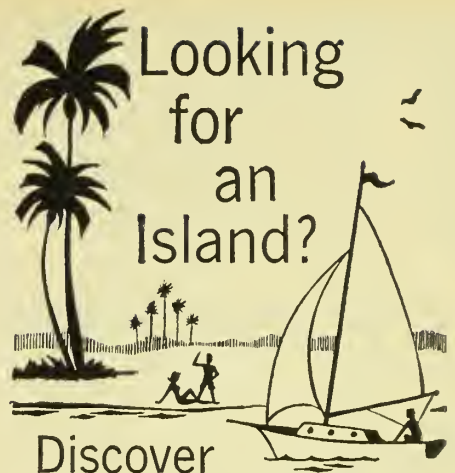
H. O. MADARA
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ELLIS ISLAND FOR VETS

SIR: I should like to alert the leadership of our organization to the advantages of procuring Ellis Island for our veterans. Presently under consideration in Congress are bills which would make impossible this great opportunity to provide a rest home for the former soldiers of our past wars. It would seem necessary therefore to decide on a plan whereby the Legion either submits a bid to purchase this surplus property or approaches the Veterans Administration and other agencies to insure that such a purpose could not be ruled out by any final disposal of the Island. For years we have watched the homeless and hospitalized among us wasting away without quarters appropriate to their sacrifices for the whole country. Can we not meet the requirements of the General Services Administration by demonstrating to the highest authorities how necessary our cause is?

MORRIS KINKER
New York, N.Y.

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prove to be a difficult student. It was her hope that driving lessons might give Walter some measure of self-confidence. I reassured her, and, as I drove Walter away from Acme, he turned and waved wistfully to her. When we rounded the first corner, Walter turned his gentle, blue eyes on me and smiled sweetly.

"Let's move this drag out to the flatlands, Dad, and let it taste freedom, like," he said.

For his mother's sake, Walter and I kept up the little pretense about his innocence, and, somehow, we lived through the entire eight lessons. On graduation day, Walter's mother thanked me with tears in her eyes. Her shy son had gained so much, she said. I was crying, too, with the sheer joy of survival. A day at the garage put the Acme training car back in shape again. Walter's racing starts had worn the back tires down to the tread, and the dual-control brake pedal on my side was bent almost double from my heavy assists. Like, he seemed to have trouble remembering to stop, like.

The school also attracted little old ladies. Most had traded their electrics in a half century earlier and hadn't driven since. While knitting afghans and feeding the parakeet, they would dream of adventure, and ultimately they'd get up enough nerve—"gumption" most of them called it—to do something about it. What closer source of excitement than the local driving school?

My favorite among the lavender and old fashioned set was Granny Keef—a tiny, birdlike thing whose feet barely reached the floor pedals. The third time Granny failed Lesson One, I flouted Acme's prime commandment for instructors by trying to talk her out of the whole thing.

"Mrs. Keef," I said sadly, "let's face it. You'll just never complete the course." She sighed and smiled a secret sort of smile.

"I appreciate your frankness, young man," she said, "but I have nothing else to do, and I do enjoy getting behind the wheel. It gives me a feeling of POWER for the first time in my life."

Some 23 lessons later—we had to repeat the first one seven times for an all-time Acme record—Granny passed her driving test. And a year after that I received a postcard from her postmarked Fairbanks, Alaska—she had just driven the Alcan highway, solo. You just never know.

The student who was with me the longest, however, was not one of the little old ladies. Millie was twentyish, a willowy, long-legged blonde. She had many aptitudes, but driving wasn't one of them. In our 26 sessions together Millie got me into much trouble—all of

it connected with driving, I regret to say. She had the cutest habit of watching the floor pedals rather than the road ahead. As a result, the Acme Trainer sometimes left the road altogether while Millie and I blazed interesting new trails across the greensward of suburbia. With Millie at the wheel, I avoided heavy city traffic as monkeys avoid the launching pad at Cape Canaveral.

In the winter she drove me into lovely, snow-covered fields. When early spring arrived, we got stuck in the mud together. One morning in June, as Millie was buzzing us through a new, \$40,000-and-up suburb, she reverted to pedal-watching once again. The car quickly jumped the curb. We plowed a curving furrow across a velvety, new lawn, which, regrettably, the proud owner was at that moment sprinkling with a hose. The car came to rest in a soft section of newly planted lawn next door.

The neighbor with the hose never uttered one word of reproach during the 10 minutes it took me to free the back wheels. All he did was to keep the hose trained on me the whole time. Little kids gathered around, giggling in an embarrassed way at what must have been a rather strange scene to passers-by. I struggled silently at the wheels, and this irate homeowner calmly and methodically hosed me down as I worked.

It was shortly after this that my doctor referred me to an ulcer specialist—the only one in town with an analyst's couch in his office. I lay on the couch and slowly recounted my troubles, idly chain-smoking a couple of packs of cigarettes. The specialist took notes, pursed his lips at intervals, frowned, and gave great attention to my story. Finally he offered a diagnosis.

"Mr. Scott," he said, "it appears that perhaps you're just not temperamentally suited to being a driving instructor."

His words, echoing those of the flannel-voiced Young Exec that first day at Acme, hit the ulcer like scalding water. I sat up quickly, defiant and shouting.

"I am soo tooted for it—I mean, I am too suited for it," I screamed. "My nerves are as tough as the next guy's. I like my job. It's a challenge, sort of."

"That's the old spirit," said the specialist, enthusiastically. "That will be 15 dollars, Mr. Scott."

Fighting mad, I leaped into the car, determined to be the toughest, most nerveless instructor in Acme's history. Then I made one of those little mistakes that so often change the course of human destiny—in this case, my destiny. I made a U-turn in the main street of town, but I didn't quite complete it. The obstacle was a large policeman, who blocked my way on the far side of the street.

"Didn't you see that sign up there, lad?" he asked.

"What sign, officer, sir?"

"That was the big-money question, lad," he said, "and you missed it."

Policemen are always making funny jokes like that. Then he flipped open his ticket pad. Inside me something flipped, too.

I parked the car in a downtown lot and took a cab back to the school. I walked into the Young Exec's office and handed him my traffic ticket. He glanced at it in disbelief, then looked me over in the same cold way Mr. Tiffany regards a diamond full of flaws. He sighed, and a brief look of pain crossed his bland Brooks Brothers features.

"Mr. Scott—" he began.

"No, let me say it," I interrupted. "I'm not temperamentally suited to be an Acme instructor."

"Precisely that, Mr. Scott. Most unfortunate. Before you leave, may I have

your instructor's permit back, please?"

"With pleasure," I replied.

I took out my billfold with a flourish, plucked the instructor's permit from it, and tore it into little bits. I poured the little pieces in a gentle blizzard over the Young Exec's head. Executing a brilliant about-face, I stalked in proud disdain toward the door. But he wasn't through with me just yet.

"Oh, Mr. Scott," he called softly, "may I have your instructor's permit now? I believe that was your driver's license you just tore up."

Of course, they were right all along. I can see that now. I'm just not the stuff of which driving instructors are made. I have since found myself a quiet niche in life, and the ulcer has healed completely. Look me up when the circus comes to your town. I'm billed as the Human Missile, and they shoot me out of a cannon twice daily, three times on Saturday.

THE END

STUDYING COMMUNISM IN LOUISIANA SCHOOLS

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that a great number of teachers would come up with some very ingenious methods of getting the material across to the students.

Some of the teachers brought in outside speakers. One speaker was a student's parent who was a refugee from Castro's Cuba. He was able to give the students an on-the-spot, eyewitness account of the revolution and communist tactics in action. In another class, a student was himself a refugee from Cuba and was able to tell his classmates how the revolution looked to a high school student.

Essays, group research projects, debates, filmstrips, panel discussions, quiz programs, recordings of radio programs, book reports and current events reporting were some of the various methods used by teachers.

I told the teachers that they must each make a personal study of communism and be prepared to answer students' questions. For the instruction of teachers in the history of communism and the workings of the communist party, we suggested "Communism" by Alfred G. Meyer, "Masters of Deceit" by J. Edgar Hoover and "A Primer on Communism" by George Cronyn.

School librarians were given the job of assembling as much material on communism as possible. This included books, magazine articles, newspaper clippings, pictures, filmstrips, recordings and films.

The list of suggested materials for use in the course included many government publications by the Committee on Un-American Activities of the House of Representatives, the Department of State and the Committee on the Judiciary of

the U.S. Senate. All classes used film material which included "Communism on the Map," a 35-mm filmstrip and tape recording on the history of communism, obtained from the National Education Program along with other material.

Though much material to help in teaching was available, the need for even more was one of our biggest problems in the course. One source of information on communism we used extensively was a series of speeches on the "Meaning of Communism" prepared by the Committee on American Citizenship of the Florida Bar Association. The text of these speeches got to the heart of the program by asking the question, "...how are we going to defeat communism if we don't know what it is?"

From whatever direction our teachers approached the subject of communism during the six-week course, the result was a tremendous increase in the students' knowledge. Although most entered the course with little factual knowledge, the subject matter was not watered down.

Some of the subjects used as topics for research papers by students were: How to Recognize a Communist, Propaganda Techniques, The Hungarian Revolution, Brainwashing of American Military Prisoners in Red China, Communist Front Organizations for Youth, Infiltration Techniques Used by Communists, Soviet Education, The Effect of Russia's "Five-Year Plans" on Individual Freedom, etc.

One of the first hurdles for teachers was terminology. Words such as "democracy" and "freedom" meant one thing when used by the communists and

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meant something entirely different when used by non-communists. This was the small hole through which much brainwashing was accomplished by the communists. The students learned the meaning of such terms as dialectical and historical materialism, peaceful co-existence, cold war, Browderism, etc. They learned about such men as V. I. Molotov, Marshall Tito, Leon Trotsky, Friedrich Engels and Mao Tse-tung.

Anyone who thinks we did not get down to the bedrock of communist doctrine should ask himself if he knows the difference between the Cominform and the Comintern, or can handle such terms as the dictatorship of the proletariat, utopianism, collectivism or united front. It wasn't long before we heard reports of students surprising their parents with their knowledge of the intricacies and traps of communist dogma.

The course is not all one-sided, however. To gain an understanding of the communistic conspiracy for world domination is only one of the three objectives in the course. Another is to compare America's form of government and political system with the communistic system. The third is to compare the free capitalistic economy of America with the collectivistic communist economy.

When democracy and communism are compared, the students learn that political democracy has duties and responsibilities as well as rights and privileges. They learn that ignorance, selfishness and complacency are the "three most deadly enemies" of democracy.

By contrasting the economic life of America and the communist countries students learn that the basic differences of America's free capitalistic economy can never be compromised with the controlled collectivist economy of the communist countries. America's economy is characterized by personal liberty, private property and free enterprise. The communist economy is under government control and management, government ownership and government determination of all production. Our standard of living, the highest in the world, is the proof given for the obvious superiority of the economic aspects of the American way.

But America's economic system is not without its duties. Students learn that they have the duties of citizenship to pay taxes, support charitable institutions and churches and also help the very needy.

One teacher discovered a problem she hadn't anticipated. Although the boys in the class were interested and kept up with everything in the course, the girls were bored. "They didn't care about theories or revolutions," she said. This problem was discovered early and solved quickly and effectively by having the girls study the Soviet marriage and divorce laws, living standards and even cooking.

Another teacher said they could have used more material on what everyday life in Russia is like.

Even though the course eventually covered a lot of complicated ideological material, teachers found their students woefully ignorant of communism when they started. "We started out our course by having each of the students write down what he thought communism really meant and what it was like," said one teacher. "It was really quite a shock, until I remembered that a few months previously, I had known practically nothing myself."

We consider teachers' views of the reaction of students one of the most reliable indices of the course's effectiveness.

"When we were able to bring communism down to earth and show it in operation around the world through the day-to-day news reports, the interest of the students climbed fast," a teacher claimed. "When we used some of Khrushchev's statements from the front pages of the daily paper as illustrations of points in the course, we could be almost certain that classroom discussion would continue automatically until the bell rang."

Another teacher commented that her students found it the "most interesting part of the year's work."

A history teacher said that she had been teaching a long time but she couldn't "recall students getting in such heated discussions over anything except sports. When students get excited, you know you've done a good job."

Some of the sources of information on communism that we checked when preparing the course mentioned the possibility of opposition to teaching about communism. The text of the Florida Bar Association speeches warned that the subject was controversial and that "many people are afraid to talk about it publicly for fear that someone in the audience will misunderstand what they say and spread the word that they are communists, or at least fellow-travelers with the communists because they were explaining about communism."

We in the Department of Education have been aware that American communists might devise and disseminate plausible-sounding objections to the course in an attempt to inflame Louisiana citizens against it. That is one of the communist tactics that students learn about. An organized communist drive against this kind of course may almost surely be expected to develop, but one has not developed yet.

Instead, the course was so successfully brought into the schools that it immediately found organized support in every community. The various bar associations, veterans organization and other civic groups such as the Chambers of Commerce all backed the program.

The report of the American Bar Asso-

ciation's committee on the need for such an educational program said, "This committee is aware that this program will be beset with many obstacles. There are even those who deem it reasonable to mention communism in the classroom." This same report warned of "pressures and emotions" which will be brought to play in regard to textbooks and other educational aids. The possibility that such a program could itself be "infiltrated and perverted" was considered.

We found that instead of opposition, the course stimulated interest in learning about communism throughout the state and, either directly or indirectly, sparked community campaigns to provide parents with some of the same information their children were getting in school.

Backed by civic groups, students who were taking the course spoke publicly on communism and on the course and received favorable publicity in the state's press. Discussion groups and panels on Americanism versus Communism were started in various parts of the state.

One parent of a high school youngster said that she had never thought about communism much until their 16-year old son told them what he had been learning in the course. "My husband and I thought we were fairly well educated, yet we found that we knew practically nothing about communism or the Communist Party. Our son shamed us into taking some books out of the library and making our own study of communism."

Some of the same materials used in the Americanism versus Communism course were used for adult courses sponsored by various civic and religious groups.

"These courses in our schools have resulted in more interest in Americanism and Communism than this State has ever seen before," commented a member of a religious group which sponsored a series of lectures on communism for adults.

A supervisor on the staff of a parish (county) department of education said that he had heard of no opposition to the course. "The only complaints are from the teachers. They want more materials to teach with and would like to have more time to learn about communism."

We have made a thorough study of the course which shows that in spite of several areas where there can be improvement, the course has been a surprising success for something so new.

Our future plans include trying to provide teachers with more of the tools they need to teach the course more effectively and doing some objective testing to determine precisely what the average student gets out of the course.

But these are details. What counts is that here in Louisiana we have successfully built a bulwark of 30,000 young people against the communist conspiracy, who will not fall prey to the 'masters of deceit.'

THE END

prised if, in 10 or 15 years, John Dillinger is portrayed in a TV series as a peaceful, law-abiding citizen. Still, he doesn't think Hollywood should have to shoulder all the blame, because hero-worship of badmen began back in the days of the West's worst desperadoes. When John Wesley Hardin was put on a train taking him to prison, the marshal gave him two empty guns and let him put on a display of trick- and quick-drawing on the rear platform. It drew large, enthusiastic crowds at every stop.



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Redwing attributes some of the success of his star students to the holsters he patterns after those worn by real gun-slingers. Sections of corset stays are incorporated into them, making a thin, tough track on which the six-shooter slides in and out with a minimum of friction. He got the idea almost 25 years ago, when he ran across an original reward poster, dated December 21, 1880, offering \$5,000 for "Curly Bill" Graham, "wanted for stage robberies and corset-stealing."

"Getting the story behind that poster," he recalls, "I learned that gunmen of the last century used to raid clotheslines behind dancehalls and boardinghouses, stealing corsets to get tracks for their holsters.

"I can imagine there were stage hold-ups with the women passengers being forced to give up their stays. The censors have never allowed this sort of thing on the screen, nor have they okayed what I think would probably be quite authentic—a gunman who got his corset stays without having to resort to theft!"

Besides being a crack shot and a shooting authority, Rodd is adept at powder-loading and the redesigning of

firearms. He does this sort of work with experts at Stenbridge Gun Rentals, the firm that supplies most of the equipment and ammunition for shooting scenes. In the Stenbridge collection are some 7,000 pistols, shotguns and rifles, ranging from 17th-century matchlocks and wheel locks to modern burp and grease guns. This stock is valued at more than a million dollars.

Among the rifles are 18th-century Brunswick and Lancaster muzzle-loaders, Springfields, Krag-Jörgensens, Colts, Henry and Spencer breech-loaders, early Winchesters and long-barreled Arabian guns. The pistols include 400-year-old flintlocks, both muzzle- and breech-loading Colts, and a number of novel small arms, such as lethal walking sticks and shake-and-shoot gadgets that can be concealed in the hand.

There's a seven-barreled pistol of the type used by boarding parties at the time of the Battle of Trafalgar, but it's dwarfed by a ten-shot, cap-and-ball French model that was a Southern favorite during the Civil War. It has nine small barrels clustered around a larger one designed to fire a shot shell instead of a bullet. If nine shots failed to do the trick, a *coup de grace* could be delivered with the 10th.

These ancient firearms are a far cry from some that have been modified for movie stars. Bill Holden uses a Colt .38 Special in pictures, whenever practical. It has a cutaway trigger guard, a cut-down hammer, and extremely light action. In the hands of any but a thoroughly experienced gunhandler, it could be very dangerous.

However, Holden, Ladd, Glenn Ford, Charlton Heston, George Montgomery, Duncan Renaldo, Bill Williams, and several other popular performers like to do their own shooting. So, the Stenbridge people give them special arms and ammunition, plus careful instructions, to enable them to appear convincingly good with a gun when they're in front of the cameras.

Glenn Ford, who's disdainful of doubles, regards his association with Redwing as one of the main reasons for the success he has enjoyed in western films. "A player who doesn't know how to handle a gun shouldn't make a movie in which he has to use one," he contends, "unless he learns how. We get well-paid for our performances, and movie-goers are entitled to their money's worth in terms of realistic acting. An actor who always uses a double is never convincing, and, actually, he cheats the public. What some of my gun-shy colleagues can't seem to realize is that audiences aren't easily fooled any more."

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At the same time, they must look and sound like the real thing. For this reason, powder-loading has become a truly fine art with the Stenbridge staff. The blank used in the pistol Vivien Leigh discharged in the face of a Union soldier in the recently re-released *Gone With the Wind* still stands as the most frighteningly realistic shot ever fired in a film.

Rodd remembers being almost stumped by a director's request for "silent" blanks. Night scenes with machineguns were being filmed on the Paramount back lot, but there'd been complaints from nearby residential areas about the racket. Production had to stay on schedule, so the guns had to be silenced.

The tommyguns were rigged with gas hoses and pilot lights, so that they belched flame each time the triggers were pulled. Later, the sound of the real thing was added to the film, and few people outside the Stenbridge plant were any the wiser.

Redwing has a personal problem he wishes could be solved as simply as that one. He once had a TV show of his own, but it was taken off the air when mothers protested that they didn't want their children to learn anything about guns. Rodd argues that the one way to be reasonably safe from accidental gunfire is to know a good deal about guns. Since most youngsters will come in contact with a gun sooner or later, he thinks all of them should be taught about guns at an early age. At the same time, he believes they should shoot only under adult supervision, and be impressed with the idea that a man who takes to carrying a gun is looking for trouble, and invariably runs into it.

Born and raised in Hell's Kitchen,

Rodd graduated from New York University before beginning his career as an actor by appearing on Broadway with Katharine Cornell. He made his movie debut in 1930, in the talkie remake of *The Squaw Man*, and subsequently appeared in many Cecil B. De Mille movies. During the depression he kept "buffalo in the tepee" by playing both Indians and cowboys, often chasing himself through the Hollywood Hills. And on the same horse, at that.

He is now in demand as an Indian character actor, having distinguished himself in *Conquest of Cochise*. He recently played an important part in Frank Sinatra's production, *The Badlanders*, besides doing his usual technical work in regard to this super western.

Doing death scenes, Rodd has an edge on other actors, because he has experienced death. In 1945, undergoing a major operation, he had his heart stop and remain stopped for more than two minutes. His case aroused considerable interest, but he refused to discuss the impression those two minutes made on his mind because he was sure no one would believe him. However, when another actor is scheduled to expire in a hail of blanks, Redwing will advise him to "die" easily and peacefully, assuring him that death is nothing to fear.

The man with the lightning-fast draw is fairly certain that he's as quick on the trigger as any of the early American badmen, but explains, "Drawing for fun and for your life are two different things. Temperament, blood pressure, and constriction of the nervous system enter into the real thing. A slower, less nervous gunman could always beat a faster but tensed-up one."

Nevertheless, Rodd's most amazing trick would have raised the eyebrows of even the deadliest gunman of yesteryear. In one continuous, sweeping motion, he pulls a knife and throws it at a target, then draws his gun and fires a bullet that beats the blade to the bull's-eye, making a hole for it to enter.

"I have to cheat a little," he admits, with characteristic modesty. "I cock the gun in the holster before I reach for the knife. Otherwise, I'm afraid I'd shatter a lot of knife handles." THE END

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gees who have led their hopeless existence on the desert for over a decade are victims of somebody's inhumanity. A part of the world that can let this many souls rot in abandonment falls short of qualifying as the keeper of the world's conscience. Yet can the Arab world afford to point a finger? When a Moslem stabbed and wounded a Jewish barber in Oran and set off an Arab-Jewish clash that left the district in a shambles and several persons dead, it showed the ha-

tred that has been there for generations. And off the east coast of Africa is the tropical and exotic island of Zanzibar, to this time a British protectorate. There in a picturesque and peaceful setting, racial feeling runs high. In an election riot this summer, 70 persons were killed and 300 injured. Except as a moderator, the West is not involved. Here about 50,000 Arabs led by a sultan dominate Zanzibar and Pemba. They are heirs to an 18th century conquest. On the other hand,

160,000 Afro-Shirazis who trace their occupation back a thousand years must produce the copra and cloves, for which they are rewarded with a life of squalor.

Zanzibar is on the road to an uneasy independence. It will soon be casting its United Nations ballot in rebuke of Western intolerance while the lovely isle is poisoned with racial discrimination.

Ruanda-Urundi, on the road to independence, brings to the international scene a strong caste system with all the bigotry built-in. There the Tutsi make up ten percent of the population of the Kingdom of Ruanda and own almost all the cattle. Slender and light complexioned, the Tutsi impose their control over and foster inferiority in the Hutu.

It is where the white man does not figure at all in the social order that ingredients of equality and tolerance most often are missing. The Baganda tribe of Uganda lords it over the Ascoli. And most telling of all is the case of Liberia where the descendants of American slaves have, for this full century, closed out from major influences the native blacks with whom they are associated.

No Westerner true to his traditions can defend intolerance — no matter where it is found. But by the same token, no newly emerged political societies — none of the 99 or more nations on earth — can afford to hold themselves aloof from the traditions of tolerance. And how can they fail to associate those traditions and principles with Western concepts and Western documents. They must know that the Magna Carta of 1215, the Toleration Acts of Maryland in 1649, the Virginia Statute of Religious Freedom in 1786, and the Bill of Rights of 1791, to say nothing of the milestones in between or since, are the foundations of their own liberation of thought and emancipation of body.

The West has as yet no cause to be

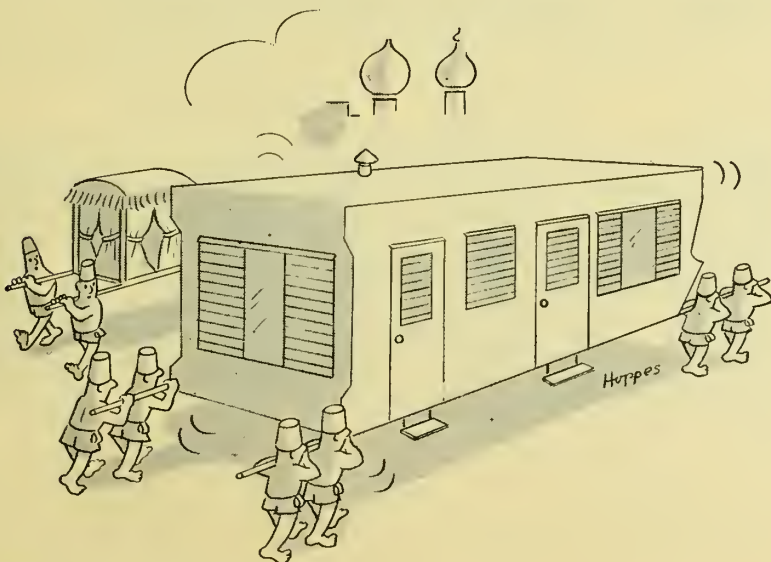
smug — but the underdeveloped nations might divert their energies to more useful channels than to hate-rousing denunciation of the West.

We Americans and the new states, too, imagine that there is a transforming magic about national independence. Instead, a hasty liberation may well foster abuses and reinforce inhumanity in a young nation that is removed from all moderating influence of the Western notion of individual dignity. Is there any assurance at this moment that British Guiana, now that it approaches independence, will not revel in an orgy of repression, divided as it is between East Indians and Negroes?

The world is mixed up racially, tribally and culturally. This is as true of the underdeveloped as of the advanced areas. The capacity to run a state based on mutual respect among groups and individuals must be as much a part of the future of these underdeveloped peoples as technological development is expected to be. It is hard to see how the new nations, riddled as they are by fears and intolerance, can possibly open the door to a bright tomorrow for their citizens without embracing our social philosophy along with our productive arts.

The trouble, in large part, may lie with the West. When we fail to live up to our ideals of tolerance, perhaps we should emphasize not the lapse, or even the repentance, but the social ideal toward which we continue to aspire. And when barbarism makes its ugly appearance in a backward country, we ought not to let our humility and our sense of unworthiness restrain us from calling it exactly what it is. The new nations, too, need reprimanding and a constant reminder that *they share with us* mankind's frailties. The struggle upward on the scale of values is theirs as much as ours.

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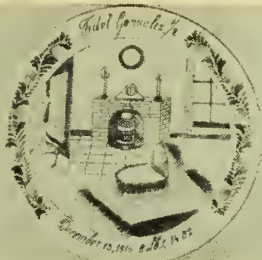
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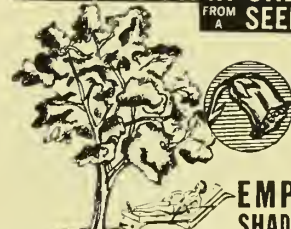
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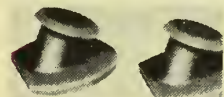
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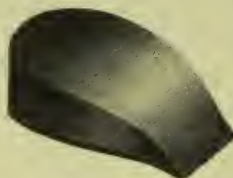
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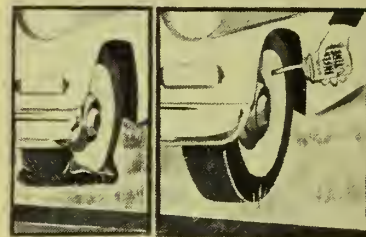
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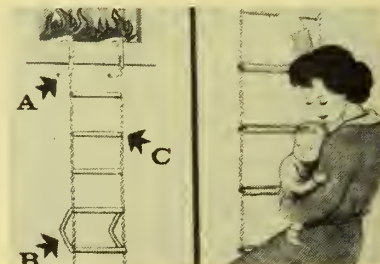
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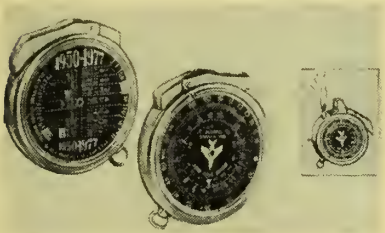
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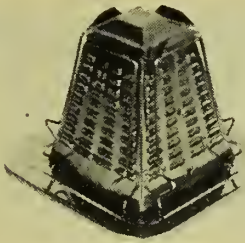
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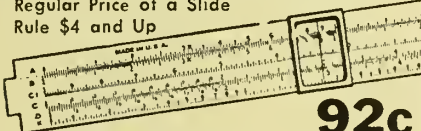


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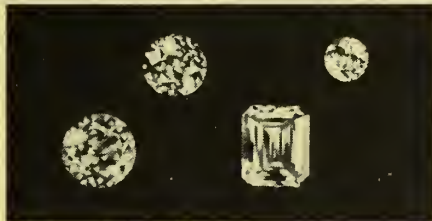
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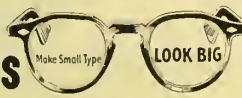
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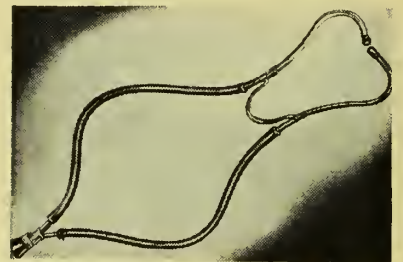
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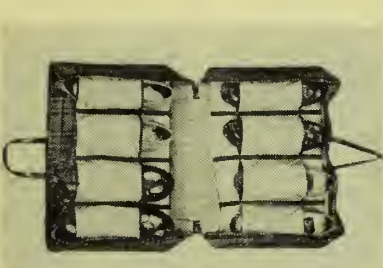
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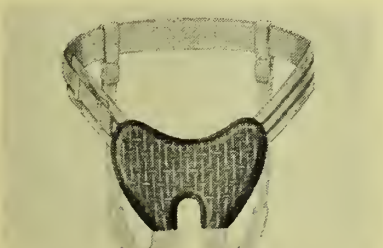
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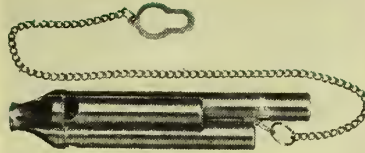
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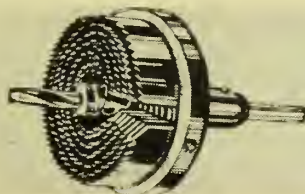
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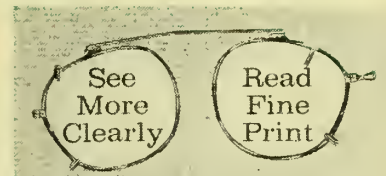
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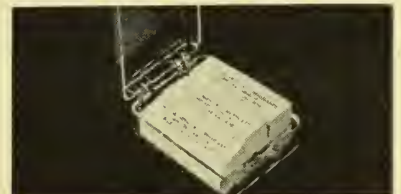
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PARTING SHOTS



Bob Weber

"Carter, you remember Captain Reginald Von Duccan — the famous World War I flying ace."

THE INCOME TAX AS SMALL FRY SEE IT

Following are some views of the income tax as set forth by school children:

Income tax forms are so coumpleacated that they are really not good for anything except income tax forms.

Incomes taxes have helped our cowntry in time of war by getting people mad enough to fight.

April 15th is the day we set aside to celebrate our incomes. Just because, I guess.

If you are unmarried and without children or anything, then the only dependent you can claim is Uncle Sam. It sounds crazy, but it is so.

Income taxing is a way to help prevent inflation by puting savings in taxes instead of money.

Figuring income taxes are interesting if you happen to be interested in them.

In order to know how much the incoming tax is, I need only look at deductions, incomes and brackets. Somehow this tells me conclusively.

HAROLD DUNN

EFFICIENCY

Thanks to modern city planning in laying out interchanges, freeways, and cloverleafs, the average American metropolis now enables traffic to be stalled four abreast.

DON SEE

FAIRWAY FEVER

"I'm sick and tired of being left alone every weekend," grumbled the golf widow at breakfast one Saturday. "If you think you're going to play today ----"

"Nonsense, darling," the husband replied, reaching for the toast. "Golf is the farthest thing from my mind. Now will you please pass the putter?"

FRANK HOLLAND

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

An old-timer can remember when the only fallout worry had to do with a baby in a crib.

DAVID O. FLYNN

IN OTHER WORDS

He greets her as "Hag," "Broad," "Tomato" or "Bag"

And other names slightly invidious; She answers with "Lug," "Stupid," "Dopey" or "Mug",

And also as "Useless" or "Hideous." But don't be dismayed by the insults they trade

Which are really just evidence of A teen-age collection of words of affection —Believe it or not, they're in love!

BERTON BRALEY

PRECIOUS ITEM

The only time the average child is as good as gold is on April 15.

IVERN BOYETT

CAR FINISH

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Two ways I'll briefly cite:

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S. OMAR BARKER

COMMENTARY

Under the replica of Sputnik in a Moscow museum an American tourist scribbled: "Washington slipped here."

AL SPONG

APRIL FOOL

When income tax time is arriving, They levy a fine for reckless thriving.

NICK KOZMENIUK

COUNT DOWN

Prizefight Referee: One who brings order out of K.O.s.

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Howfield

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